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From the Private Secretary

2 August 1984

Dear Elizabeth,

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 27 July in which he reported on his meeting with Lord Jellicoe and Sir James Gowans about the finances of the Medical Research Council.

Following your letter to me of 30 July, and also the advice of the Secretary of State for Social Services in his minute of 29 July, the Prime Minister has agreed to Lord Jellicoe's request for a meeting. The Prime Minister would be grateful if your Secretary of State could be present, together with Sir David Phillips and Dr Nicholson. The meeting is unlikely to take place before the end of August, but we will be in touch separately to arrange a precise time.

As foreshadowed in my letter of 26 July, I shall be grateful if a full brief could be prepared for the Prime Minister's use, in consultation with the Department of Health and Social Security and the Treasury.

I am sending copies of this letter to Steve Godber (Department of Health and Social Security), John Gieve (Chief Secretary's Office), Sir David Phillips, Dr Nicholson and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,
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