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The Rt Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
The Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
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Prime Minister (2)

Dear Margaret.

I took the night train back to Scotland to rejoin Philippa and the children at our holiday home in the North of Scotland directly after our meeting at Number 10. Hence my delay in writing to you.

I would, however, like to thank you most sincerely for giving Jim Gowans and myself so much of your time last week to discuss the very difficult financial situation with which the Medical Research Council is faced at the present time and the implications of that situation for research in a field in which Britain has hitherto made so great a contribution.

As you know we would not have worried you, amid all your other preoccupations, about this had it not been for my deep concern about the present position. I am most grateful to you and your colleagues for giving us so full a hearing. I have been in touch with Jim Gowans since my return from holiday yesterday and I know that he will also be writing to you.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Keith Joseph and to Kenneth Clarke.

Again many thanks.

Yours ever

George

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