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From the Private Secretary

25 June 1984

Bovine Tuberculosis and Badgers -
Review of Policy

Thank you for your letter of 20 June about appointments to the Policy Review on Bovine Tuberculosis and Badgers. The Prime Minister is content with your Minister's proposals as set out in the final paragraph of your letter.

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Prime Minister (1)

Agree these proposals? 20 June 1984

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Dear David

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BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS AND BADGERS - REVIEW OF POLICY

I refer to my Minister's minute of 3 April to the Prime Minister in which he sought approval to set up a review of the policy on bovine tuberculosis and badgers and for the membership of the review and to your response of 9 April.

An approach was made to the prospective chairman Sir James Beament but not to the two prospective members, Mr D M Jones and Professor J P McInerney.

After some consideration Sir James Beament finds that he is unable to chair the review because of new commitments which have arisen in connection with his university responsibilities.

We therefore need to look to our second string who is Professor George Dunnett (55), Regius Professor of Natural History, University of Aberdeen, since 1974. His name has been put forward by three members of the Consultative Panel on Badgers and Tuberculosis, one of whom represents the Nature Conservancy Council. His interests in the protection of the environment and his contributions to ecological studies appear to fit him well for the post.

As a fall back if Professor Dunnett cannot accept would be Professor John L Jinks (53), Pro Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Genetics at the University of Birmingham. He is a member of the Agricultural Research Council and has made distinguished contributions to the Science of Genetics. His name was put forward by the Public Appointments Unit.

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At this stage also we should seek approval for the second strings for the veterinary member (first string Mr D M Jones) and the agricultural economist member (first string, Professor McInerney). We have in mind:-

Veterinarian - Professor P M Biggs (57) Director of the Houghton Poultry Station and member of the Veterinary Products Committee. He has written with distinction on viruses and infectious diseases. His name has been put forward by the State Veterinary Service;

agricultural economist - Professor J Nix (about 50), Wye College, University of London. He specialises in farm management type economics. His name was submitted by a member of the Consultative Panel on Badgers and Tuberculosis.

To summarise, we seek approval for first and second strings for the chairman and members of the Review Body as follows:-

Chairman 1st Professor Dunnett
2nd Professor Jinks

Veterinarian 1st Mr D M Jones (already approved)
2nd Professor P M Biggs

Agricultural Economist 1st Professor J P McInerney
(already approved)
2nd Professor J Nix

Yours ever
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