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23rd July 1992,

Ms J Binding  
Corporate Affairs  
NHS Management Executive  
Department of Health  
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Dear Ms Binding,

Re: [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd June and for letting me see the copy of Mrs. [REDACTED] letter to Mrs. Bottomley concerning the paragraph in Private Eye about Paediatric Cardiac Surgery in Bristol. We have dealt with this matter in relation to the [REDACTED] in the following way.

As you know [REDACTED] the son of Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] has been on the waiting list for a complex paediatric cardiac surgical operation which is due to be carried out in the near future. He has been under the care of the Paediatric Cardiologists Dr. H.S. Joffe, Dr. R.P. Martin and the Cardiac Surgeon Mr. J.D. Wisheart. Following receipt of your letter and at more or less the same time communication from the Paediatrician in Exeter about the [REDACTED] anxiety and copies of some correspondence which they had with Private Eye, I am happy to report to you that Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] met Dr. Joffe and Mr. Wisheart together with Mrs. Helen Vegoda our Paediatric Cardiac Counsellor on Tuesday 21st July and had a full and very frank conversation. Each item raised in Private Eye of 8th May was fully discussed; in particular the results of Paediatric Cardiac Surgery in Bristol for children in general in the late 80s and for Fallot's Tetralogy in particular were discussed in detail, and we were able to inform the [REDACTED] of the outcomes in Bristol in relation to the outcomes in the United Kingdom as a whole.

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