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10 DOWNING STREET

Caroline

Jimmy Savile will apparently be writing to invite the Prime Minister to visit the building workers at Stoke Mandeville.

Norman Fowler has suggested that this might be an opportunity for the Prime Minister to make a ceremonial hand-over of the Government's cheque for £0.5m. He suggests this would give the Appeal useful publicity.

I have told Mr Fowler's Office that we will consider these suggestions when we receive

Jimmy Savile's letter, and that
in the meantime he should do
nothing to steal the Miss
Mander (now Foster was thinking
of handing over the cheque himself).

The PM may well wish to do
this one weekend from Chequers.
The only argument against is
that it might be seen as
making too much of a meal
of the Government's donation (which is only £500,000 after all).
~~But~~ But Norman Foster is very
much in favour of this.

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Prime Minister

cc ~~Mr Patterson~~
Mr Ingham

This is the line that Mr Fowler recommends you take. He has decided on $\frac{1}{2}$ m because he would like to make available a similar amount to other worthy causes over the next few months - to show our interest in the disabled has not ended with the end of TYDP.

MR. RICKETT

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JIMMY SAVILE: STOKE MANDEVILLE SPINAL UNIT APPEAL

" This has been the International Year of Disabled People. Our concern must continue; we must not let our involvement come to an end with the passing of 1981. But this is nonetheless a good moment, as we come to the end of the year, to give ^{express our continuing admiration} special recognition to what we owe as a community to the disabled. I am very happy to be able to say that, in commemoration of this, Norman Fowler has agreed that the Government should make a contribution of $\frac{1}{2}$ m. to one of the most important causes of this past year - and one which has attracted the enthusiasm of people from all walks of life - Jimmy Savile's Appeal for the rebuilding of the Stoke Mandeville Spinal Injuries Unit. "

David Clark

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