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The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
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My dear Prime Minister,

I am most grateful to you for arranging for Dr. Gerard Vaughan to see Dr. Dean Burk and me about fluoridation. In fact, Lord Douglas of Barloch, Professor Dr. Hugh Sinclair and Mr. Ivan Lawrence M.P attended the meeting with us.

Dr. Vaughan, who was accompanied by three of his advisers, received us with courtesy and charm. We gave him information which we believe was unknown in Britain - namely, that the Government of Quebec has declared a moratorium on fluoridation.

This is confirmed on page 12 of the Report which I enclose with a copy of a letter of 9th July, 1979 from Dr. Bundock to Justice Flaherty, which confirms that the Quebec Review Committee came to the same conclusion as Justice Flaherty as to the carcinogenic effects of fluorides. We asked Dr. Vaughan to seriously consider acting similarly in this country: i.e. declaring a moratorium on fluoridation.

We raised as a subsidiary point the question of expenditure: e.g. the West Midlands health budget is over-spent and officials have drawn up emergency plans to freeze building work, consultant appointments and medical developments, yet they still propose to spend some £130,000 to fluoridate Coventry at a time when the Government is rightly trying to cut expenditure. Strathclyde is likewise proposing to spend some £2,000,000 on fluoridation. Here is scope for economies!

Yours very sincerely,  
Emmanuel.

