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Dear David

I understand that the Prime Minister will be meeting Lord Cameron at a seminar on Monday. We think it is very likely that Lord Cameron will speak to the Prime Minister about the possibility that King's College might take over Somerset House if he gets the chance. I am therefore enclosing a short note about the present position.

Yours ever

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NOTE FOR PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

MEETING WITH LORD CAMERON: KINGS COLLEGE, LONDON AND SOMERSET HOUSE

Lord Cameron may raise with the Prime Minister when he sees her on 1 October the question of Kings College taking over part or parts of Somerset House when the College amalgamates with Queen Elizabeth College. This has been raised with the Prime Minister in the past when she expressed considerable interest in the idea.

PSA and Kings College have been conducting a feasibility study into various options for making more accommodation available to Kings College in central London. This has just been completed. It does not make recommendations but shows there are very considerable public expenditure implications in making Somerset House available to Kings College.

Papers will shortly be put to the Secretary of State for the Environment who will be making recommendations to the Prime Minister about what should be done. The Prime Minister is advised not to make any commitments to Lord Cameron before she receives this submission.

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