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COMPENSATION FOR THOSE INFECTED WITH HIV

Secretary of State has been having discussions with Robin Cook about the position of those infected with HIV through infected blood, rather than blood products.

2. We are asked to consider whether it would be possible to provide help to such people through the MacFarlane Trust.
3. I should be grateful if this could be done. It will be necessary to have informal discussions with the Trust. They should be on a confidential basis, as were the original discussions with the Haemophilia Society.
4. These will be talks of an exploratory nature. We should not want to give the impression we are necessarily expecting the help to be given out of the £10 million, though equally we have no authority for suggesting there will be additional money available for this purpose. But we would not want to create unnecessary antagonism so that if the question of resources is raised it would be best to handle it on the basis that we are not expecting the cost of any help to be met from resources already provided.
5. For the purposes of this exercise it would be sensible to include those infected with HIV as a result of the transplant of infected material.

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