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Dear Mr Heath

ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF HAEMOPHILIACS

I refer to your report dated 17 April 2003 seeking instructions as to whether allegations concerning the supply of blood products to haemophiliacs should be the subject of a criminal investigation. This matter has been given careful consideration and further enquiries have been made.

I am writing to inform you that Crown Counsel have now instructed that no further action is to be taken, as there is insufficient evidence that any criminal offence has been committed.

It is proposed that the media be advised of this decision by media statement to be released on 23 February 2004. I would be obliged if you would communicate Crown Counsel's decision to those individuals you interviewed for the report prior to then.

Yours sincerely

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