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Dear Mr Heppell,

EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS

You will know that since the announcement was made by the Secretary of State for Health that the Government wished to make more money available to Haemophiliacs with the AIDS virus, particularly by way of individual payments of £20,000 each and to use the Macfarlane Trust as the vehicle through which such payments would be made irrespective of need, we have been urgently considering how best we can meet your objective with out placing at risk the work of the Trust so far and its status as a registered charity.

You will I am sure agree that nothing should be done that would in any way disturb the present role of the Macfarlane Trust and the position of those who receive help from us, and it has been necessary to examine in depth every possible problem and implication arising from the Minister's statement of intention.

You will I think have been pleased to learn of the outcome of the recent meeting with the Deputy Charity Commissioner on the one hand and representatives of your Department, and ourselves, on the other when a full and frank discussion revealed the problems and risks as we envisaged them, and when we put forward a Proposal which I now have pleasure in placing before you formally for your acceptance, and it is attached.

I shall be glad to learn that the Proposal finds favour with you as the most appropriate means by which to achieve the objective set by the Minister, and we will let you have as soon as it is available a copy of the new Trust Deed that we will recommend for adoption.

Finally, may I express our thanks to you and your colleagues who have cooperated with us in seeking to overcome what might otherwise have been a series of serious obstacles to what has become for all of us another and welcome gesture of goodwill to those who are suffering in the most unfortunate and unique manner.

Yours sincerely,

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pp. A. J. Tanner
Chairman

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