

BY HAND

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AIDS LEAFLET

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1. We spoke yesterday and I undertook to discuss with MS(H) his earlier comments on Mr Parker's submission of 29 July, and in particular the question of how the leaflet should be used.
  2. I have now spoken to MS(H) who has commented as follows:-

"When I saw the first submission, I did not then see the breakdown of the Directors' views which revealed how wide the division of opinion amongst them is. I had also forgotten that I had earlier agreed to Directors having discretion on a six-month trial period!

Subject to any last minute views by Lord Glenarthur, I am content for us to proceed on this basis. The Press Notice can be issued with the minor amendments I have made. The Press Office should take note of the trial period point for defensive briefing if, but only if, the different methods of distribution point is raised.

Let me know what day is being chosen to launch this. Everyone will, I am sure, keep a close eye on the 'tone' of all our statements.

Could I have, as further background briefing, a short note on the state of play on research into AIDS. How much are we funding or assisting?"

3. As we discussed earlier today, I am arranging to clear the above line with Lord Glenarthur. I have also spoken to Mr Ricketts in Press Office and he can arrange to release the Press Notice tomorrow if, and when, all parties are agreed. He will however need a supply of approximately 150 copies of the leaflet. Can you arrange to let him have a supply?
4. Obviously, if we are to try to announce the leaflet tomorrow, timing will be tight and it is probably best for further arrangements to be confirmed by telephone.

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Mr Nodder	Dr Field
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Mrs Hewlett-Davies	
Dr Oliver	
Dr Walford	

Miss Edward - Can you let me have the further background briefing requested by MS(H), on the state of play on research into AIDS please.