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To: Mr Heppell

Prom: PS/MS(H)

Date: 11 October 1989

Copies: Mr McKeon Mr Barton Mr Arthor HSIM,

HAEMOPHILIACS - SUNDAY TIMES ARTICLE

1. While returning from Qatar, Mr Mellor handed me the attached article from the 'Sunday Times'. Mr Mellor has asked for advice as to whether there is any case for changing the basis for funding the Macfarlene Trust - if we can find any money for 'topping up'. He also would like to know what criteria the Trustees apply when making awards.

2. He feels that the Department will lose on this whatever the outcome of the court case, and would like to see what more can be done. He thinks Secretary of State should also be made aware of the problem, and I am copying this to Mr McKeon accordingly.

3. I would be grateful for advice by 24 October please.

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