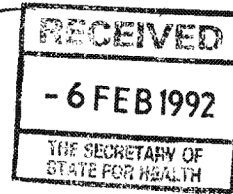


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Mike M-L seemingly
drafted PS(L)'s submission.
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Date: 4 February 1992

cc: Miss Burnett PS/PS(L)
Mrs S White PS/CE
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PROPOSED NATIONAL BLOOD AUTHORITY

I have seen Mr Ahearn's minute to Miss Burnett of 29 January.

I discussed the proposal to establish an NBA with Sir Colin Walker and Dr Burgess last month. I have also spoken to Sir Michael Carlisle since receiving your minute.

The position of RHA Chairmen is that they are content with the decision to establish a National Blood Authority for which there is now a wide measure of support. They believe that it should not be established until later in the year, the other side of a general election. That is the intention.

The current plan is that a technical working group should now be formed to sort out some of the detailed issues before the NBA's role and responsibilities can be finally determined. The Authority itself would not be established until October. RHA Chairmen are content with this pace.

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