JJ/6431p+/3

X

POLICY IN CONFIDENCE

A Canada HIM 12

ALK GOLD JO JANUAR IX WAR

GRO-C

Mr Canavan EHF1A

From: S Alcock PPS/S of S

Date: 15 August 1991

Copies: Mr Heppell DS

Mr Dobson EHF1 Mr Brownley FD1 Mr Merrett FA2B

PES 1991: HAEMOPHILIACS WITH AIDS/HIV

FUNDING FOR THE MACFARLANE (SPECIAL PAYMENTS)(2) TRUST

FUNDING FOR THE ORIGINAL MACFARLANE TRUST

The Secretary of State has seen your submission of 12 August and is content that the additional payment of £0.88 million should be made to the Macfarlane (Special Payments)(2) Trust.

In relation to the original Macfarlane Trust, he is content to continue the policy of support but does not wish to take any initiative at this stage in respect of the commitment to enable the Trust to make more generous payments. Neither does he wish to pursue the PES bid for £6 million to top-up the Trust in 1992/93 but would prefer to defer the bid for new money this year and, if pressed, give general assurances about future funding. He agrees that this should be in the form of a larger lump sum to keep the Trust going for several years.

More generally, the Secretary of State has commented that

"We must get it clearly on the record with the Treasury that we will come back next year, and we are allowed to give the general assurances in paragraph 16 (iv) of this submission."

GRO-C

STEPHEN ALCOCK Room 407 Richmond House Ext GRO-C