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HAEMOPHILIACS INFECTED BY HIV VIRUS

I attach a short note for Cabinet tomorrow.

2. The note reflects the outcome of the meeting that CMO and I had today with the Chairman and Secretary of the Haemophilia Society.

3. As soon as the Chairman and Secretary (GRO-A) and (GRO-A) have cleared their lines with other key members, there will be a formal meeting with Secretary of State at which the Society will welcome

- * both the proposal to establish a £10 million fund to help haemophiliacs which they will administer

- * and the offer to help them with the administration of the fund through experienced retired members of staff

4. The Society will want to ask Secretary of State at the meeting how best to ensure that their supporters in the House (Mr Key on the Government side, Mr Field on the Opposition benches) are forewarned and supportive.

5. This should open the way to a Statement on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

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