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1 In my submission dated 22 December 1994 Ministers were invited to endorse the advice given by the MSBT to introduce a look back programme to identify those who may have been infected with HCV as a result of NHS transfusion treatment. It was noted in paragraph 14 that the Scottish Office were proposing to go ahead with such a programme immediately, irrespective of whether other Health departments did so or not. Lord Fraser has since written to PS(H).

2 I understand that PS(H) has agreed the submission and Dr Metters will be setting up the ad hoc Working Party in the next few days. There is therefore no question of any delay on the part of this Department, nor any justification for the Scots to go it alone.

3 I attach a draft reply for consideration.

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