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HIV, VALIUM/LIBRIUM LITIGATION

Mr Mellor has considered the attached submission from Mr Wilson of 17 October and has commented:

"I do not think it would be to the Government's advantage to take this path in the HIV cases. We should be much criticised and public confidence put at risk. However, I do not think the valium/librium situation is the same. In my view it is not so serious and I think there would be advantage in giving the point an outing there."

MS(H) said that he would like S of S to consider these papers.

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