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**HIV INFECTION: WHOLE BLOOD TRANSFUSION**

Mr Forsyth has seen Mr Tucker's minute of 29 April 1991 and your minute of 1 May 1991 about whole blood transfusions. Mr Forsyth considers that this is an extremely serious matter and that the Government's position is indefensible. He has commented that we are in danger of losing a lot of good will carping over a small financial obligation; our refusal to release information on records leaves us particularly vulnerable. Mr Forsyth hopes we might try to change the Government's line on this matter.

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✓ IAN D KERNOHAN  
PS/Minister of State  
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