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**HIV LITIGATION - EXPERT WITNESSES**

1. I enclose a minute from Mr Canavan regarding his enquiries about the possibility of finding an alternate expert witness on the Epidemiology of AIDS.
2. As you recall, Professor Rose claims to be an expert in epidemiology generally but not in the AIDS field.
3. Several of the so called experts in Epidemiology of AIDS are in fact specialists in Genitourinary Medicine who have taken <sup>an</sup> interest in AIDS because of its preponderance in homosexuals and other patients at GUM clinics. However these are not strictly speaking epidemiologists in the true sense of the word.
4. A possible anxiety is that those people who were involved in studying the outbreak of AIDS and its general spread, may feel that in Court they would have to justify their particular views at the time, and so might not be truly independent.
5. I fully support the suggestion in the last paragraph of Mr Canavan's minute.

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PS Counsel meeting with Professor Thompson confirmed for 4pm,  
25 June 1990 at 2 Crown Office Row.