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AIDS

I find that a number of recent meetings have taken place on this subject to which I have not been invited and I am concerned that officials have not borne in mind my responsibility for our interest in this subject.

I am aware of course of the important discussions you had during your recent visit to the United States and that you will naturally wish to be significantly involved in taking these matters forward. Nevertheless you will be aware of my concern over this matter (you will recall my minute of 25 July to Kenneth Clarke with particular reference to haemophilia treatment) and I am anxious that officials should be in no doubt that, as the Minister with particular responsibility, I wish to be kept closely informed at all stages.

I am copying this minute to the CMO so that he can ensure that I am appropriately consulted. I hope you will agree that this is the right action.

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THE BARONESS TRUMPINGTON

28 AUG 1985

cc Mr Laurance
Miss Bateman
CMO
Mrs Firth