

Mr Heppell  
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From: Helen Shirley-Quirk  
PS/SofS

Date: 31 July 1990

cc: Mr Sands PS/MS(H)  
Mrs Baldock PS/PS(L)  
Mr Waterhouse PS/Perm Sec  
Dr Smales PS/CMO  
Dr Metters MED  
Miss Pease EHF  
Mr Wilson PHS  
Dr Jones MCA  
Dr Pickles MEDISD  
Dr Rejman MEDISD  
Dr Rotblat MCA  
Mr Powell SOL  
Miss Bendall SOL  
Mr Dobson EHf1  
Mr Stopes-Roe PHS4  
Mr Kendall FA1  
Mr Hagger MCA  
Mr Gutowski MCA  
Mr Canavan EHf1

*c.c. Miss Wheeler  
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#### HAEMOPHILIACS: AIDS LITIGATION

1. S of S has seen your submission of 24 July, together with Mr Dobson's paper, CMO's minute of 20 July and Mr Sand's minute of 27 July. He has commented that he is in favour of sticking to our legal defence and continuing to fight the action. He does not *think* that it is necessary at this stage to send a minute to the Prime Minister and he considers that the decision should be communicated to the Judge and the Plaintiffs' solicitors in strict confidence. He would like officials to work up detailed proposals for this with Counsel and then to put up to him a handling submission before proceeding. He has also indicated that he is content for officials to take advice of the Law Officer's Secretariat.

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