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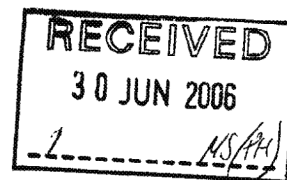
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*Dear Caroline*  
**Re: Haemophilia**

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Thank you for your letter of 20 June in response to mine of 5 June regarding the above.

I appreciate that the government does not accept that any wrongful practices were employed and I note your comment that papers were destroyed in error. Whilst I do not allege that papers were destroyed to frustrate litigation, I do not believe that those affected and in particular the victims will accept that without some form of independent investigation. I am not necessarily suggesting a full public inquiry but I think it could be in the government's interest, if there was no wrongdoing, for an independent assessment to be carried out.

I would welcome your comments.

*Yours*

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