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PERSONAL

11/1/1985/c/Dr Peter Jones

Dr Peter Jones
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Dear Peter

Within 24 hours of the meeting at BPL on the 10th December colleagues here in Scotland were contacted by Mr Angus King of The Yorkshire Post.

Mr King had been informed, he assured us, by a reliable professional source, that there were 15 haemophilia patients in Scotland with "suspected AIDS", and wished to pursue the matter with a view to publication.

We were pleased with the way Mr King responded to our request for a 'a stay of execution'; he agreed to delay publication until Chris Ludlam and Charles Forbes had made an effort to speak to as many patients and parents as possible, thus diminishing the inevitable stress that would be caused by the publication. He honoured the confidence we placed on him.

I have been deeply concerned by this episode and feel I ought to ask you whether you provided Mr King with the information.

Yours sincerely

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John D Cash