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## FILE NOTE

## AIDS LEAFLET

On 2/8/83 Mr Winstanley telephoned to say that DHSS Ministers had agreed the content of the AIDS leaflet and a draft statement on the subject, copies of which had been sent to us on 29 July. I indicated that the papers had not yet arrived.

Winstanley said that DHSS now intended to proceed with printing immediately. The statement would be made by a Minister to coincide with the first distribution of the leaflet. I reminded him that it had been agreed that a single leaflet should be used throughout GB and that the print order should include sufficient for SNBTS. Dr Cash subsequently indicated that an initial supply of 200,000 leaflets would be satisfactory and that SNBTS would pay its share of costs.

When the DHSS papers (doc 28 and enclosures) arrived on 3/8/83, it was apparent that the amendments agreed between Mr Davies and Mr Parker (docs 20 and 21) had been overlooked. When I pointed this out to Winstanley he said that the leaflet had gone for printing and he was not inclined to withdraw it for amendment. (Mr Davies subsequently agreed that the matter was not worth pursuing). Winstanley undertook to provide 200,000 leaflets for use in Scotland. He also agreed to keep me in touch with the timing of the issue of the Ministerial statement and the Press release.

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*Doc 20 et seq should bring you up to date on AIDS developments while you were on leave.*

*The next step will be to provide SIO with briefing material to coincide with the DHSS statement and Press release*

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