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I have two points about this draft:

1. On the first page five lines from the foot, there is a passage on the "routine testing of blood". I doubt if this is wise, since it may suggest that blood will be routinely screened for example in hospitals, with or without the knowledge of the patient concerned. It might be more satisfactory to make the passage read as follows:

".... of prime importance. So is the effort to secure uncontaminated blood donations."

2. No reference is made to research work funded by Scottish sources. I believe that an enquiry to our own Chief Scientist Office would disclose at least the following:

(a) Funding amounting to £10,000 to Dr McMillan and others in Edinburgh for an AIDS-related project.

(b) Funding under consideration to Dr Ludlam and others in Edinburgh amounting to £32,000 for another AIDS-related project.

(c) Funding awarded by the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust to Dr Forbes and others in Glasgow amounting to £29,000 for another AIDS-related project.

My own information is necessarily obsolete and incomplete, and reference to the Chief Scientist Office may disclose further funding. These items might legitimately be added to the financial contribution being made by the Government towards the fight against AIDS in Scotland.

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