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The Rt Hon Dr David Owen MP
House of Commons
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Dear Dr Owen

Thank you for your further letters of 23 and 24 May, and of 7 June, in connection with the complaint which you had referred to me on behalf of your constituent Mr GRO-A. You ask if I will now consider investigating his complaint.

I have noted your additional comments (and the further questions which you have posed in your letters to the Minister of Health of 18 and 24 May). I am afraid, however, that I remain of the view which I expressed in my earlier letters to you of 26 February and 14 March - namely that there is insufficient connection between Mr GRO-A's particular grievance and the alleged shortcomings on DHSS's part to justify my looking into the matter. (As to the suggestion you made in your earlier letter of 11 April - about my possibly being able to find out whether Mr GRO-A received imported Factor VIII - that would of course be something which I was empowered to pursue only if I had decided to conduct an investigation.)

I have studied the transcript of the 1975 World in Action television programme which you kindly enclosed with the latest of your letters. But I am bound to say that I do not see it as providing any basis for my undertaking an investigation.

Should the response which you receive from the Minister to your letters of 18 and 24 May alter things in any significant way, I shall of course be glad to reconsider the matter. But for the present I continue to see no scope for my being of help to Mr GRO-A.

Yours sincerely

GRO-C