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From: Melanie Smith PS/PS(H)
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cc: Mr Brown (Parly)

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1. The following points were agreed at the meeting with PS(H) on 12 November:

(i) The personality of the Chief Executive of the new NBA would be the key to its success. The successful candidate should probably come from outside the blood industry, have a proven track record in management and a certain amount of charisma. The issue would be discussed with Sir Colin Walker. [Action: Mr Malone-Lee and Mr Canavan when they see Sir Colin on 20 November].

(ii) PS(H) queried the intention to bring the RTCs under the control of the NBA in 1994 and asked if it could be managed earlier. There was probably no need to mention a specific date in the PQ and press release - they could say we intended to do it "as soon as possible". [Action: Mr Canavan to check dates and amend the PQ and press release].

(iii) The wording of the draft PQ and press release would be changed to emphasise the intention to preserve and better manage the voluntary donation system and improve on the existing high standard of blood supply. [Action: Mr Canavan to re-draft].

(iv) Paul Brown (Parliamentary) would warn No. 12 through standard procedures in December about the negative resolution to set up the NBA. There was no need to use the words "subject to Parliamentary approval" in the draft PQ and press release. PS(H) would seek S of S's advice about whether he should write to David Blunkett. [Action: Mr Brown, Mr Canavan, PS(H)].

(v) The CBLA appointments would be extended as suggested in paragraph 11 of Mr Canvan's 26 October submission. [Action: Mr Canavan].

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