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Subject: Re: SEAC MEETING 11/01/99 Public Summary and Advice to  
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Glyn

Thanks for sending me SEAC's draft advice to Ministers on Pentosan. I  
have one comment.

The advice includes the statement:

"It is likely that all those who are going to develop vCJD in the future  
due to exposure to bovine tissues are already incubating it. Therefore  
transmission via transfusion from any who are blood donors may be  
possible."

The second sentence leaves out the word "theoretical" and thus implies  
a greater degree of risk than SEAC's previous statements. Can I  
suggest a change of wording to either: "may theoretically be  
possible" or "remains a theoretical possibility" or something on those  
lines.