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POLICY IN CONFIDENCE

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FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE (NBTS) AND CENTRAL BLOOD LABORATORIES AUTHORITY (CBLA)

The Secretary of State has studied your Minister's submission of 16 July which covered John Dobson's of 12 July. He is content to combine the functions of the NBTS National Directorate and the CBLA into a new national blood authority but does not wish to go any further in pursuing options (ii) and (iii).

If your Minister wishes to pursue the proposal to decouple BPL from CBLA with the Secretary of State please let me know and we shall arrange a meeting. Secretary of State is not at all attracted to the possible privatisation of BPL.

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