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RESOURCES FOR HTLV3 ANTIBODY TESTS

At CMO's meeting reviewing the AIDS situation yesterday you were able to give assurances that the financial resources needed to cover the PHLS' evaluation of the commercial kits has been made available. CMO was questioned later that evening by PS(H) on the overall position and it is quite clear that Ministers need to know of the timescale for the evaluation of the test and, if satisfactory, for the introduction of the test at every transfusion centre.

We have now received from Dr Whitehead, the Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service, an estimate of funds required to provide facilities for testing within the Service, and I have to-day asked Dr Whitehead for a critical path analysis of the whole exercise. It is essential that if there are any problems on the financial side that these be brought to the attention of Ministers as a matter of urgency.

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