

File 4431

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#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE VIROLOGICAL SAFETY OF BLOOD

1. I attach a submission which seeks PS(H)'s agreement to the establishment of a new advisory committee. Mrs Currie had agreed to this group in December but delays occurred because of changes thought necessary in the proposed membership. These changes have now been incorporated into the new submission. Although Mrs Currie had already signed letters to territorial Ministers, these were not dispatched; nevertheless, officials in the territorials have been consulted and are content with what is proposed.
2. The way forward is for PS(H), if he is content, to sign letters to the other health departments - drafts attached.
3. We are anxious to proceed without any further delay because expert advice on this complex subject is urgently required.

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