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Anti Haemophylic Globulin

I am ready to finalise the contracts with Travenol and Serological Products for the supply of 5 million units each over a period of one year of Freeze Dried Concentrated Human Factor VIII, deliveries of which could commence in October. Our normal practice would be to notify Boards of the supply arrangements which have been made but I am reluctant to do this until Boards have been told of the Department's policy decisions. So far as I know, the only indication that Boards have had is the CMO's letter to SAMOs of 6 March last and I am now told that nothing further is likely to go to Boards for some weeks.

The contracts involve considerable sums of money which Boards will have to find from normal resources and it would be unfortunate in my view if the first indication to them was of the supply aspects.

My particular concern in delaying the contracts is that both firms could in the meantime find other outlets for their products and our own arrangements could then be in jeopardy.

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