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P.S. A phone call reply will suffice!

1. Thank you for your minute of 2 May. I have checked with administrative colleagues and we have identified files 1-30. In each case we have the originals and one duplicate set. It is likely that the rest of the files are in a cabinet close by. We are currently trying to find the keys or alternatively we will arrange for the lock to be broken.
2. SOL can have the duplicate set of papers. You will understand our reluctance to pass on the originals, in view of previous papers having been mislaid. When the originals are required, we would ask that these are exchanged for a duplicate set, or alternatively duplicates are made at that time. We must ensure at all times that a set is available on at least two different DH sites.
3. I would urge you most strongly to try to locate the reports from Dr Perry and Dr Williams which I sent to Anita James in June 1995. Unfortunately at that time I did not make a duplicate set, and I contacted her a few days later to ask for a return of the originals. This was promised but did not happen. I have an earlier draft of the report from Dr Perry, but I do not have any earlier draft of the paper from Dr Williams. His report is important as it is the only report we have from a hepatologist on this matter. It may be that Counsel still has a copy of the original reports dating back to 1990.
4. I am about to go on business abroad, and when I return late next week I shall arrange for copies of the other relevant medical reports.
5. In respect of the publications listed and attached to the main statement of claim, I seem to recall being asked by SOL to send these on to them, during the later stages of the litigation but before the settlement. SOL should therefore still have these. Otherwise, presumably one can ask Graham Ross to supply these, since

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they do in fact form part of the MSC. Otherwise you may wish to check to see whether Counsel has retained them. Incidentally, you may not be aware that at the time of the litigation TSOL was acting for the Department. It may be that they have some of the relevant papers.

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