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Dear Dr Porter-Boveri

Thank you for your letter of 5 December 1989 about compensation for the families whose children are HIV positive following transfusion with blood or blood products.

My administrative colleagues have been discussing the extension of the ex-gratia scheme with the Department of Health but unfortunately, even though it has been decided that a further ex-gratia payment should be made to the haemophiliacs via the Macfarlane Trust, there is no intention to extend the scheme to other groups.

Yours sincerely

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