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*From the Parliamentary Under
Secretary of State for Health*

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Thank you for your letter of 19 August enclosing one from you constituent Mr **GRO-A** of **GRO-A** about payments to haemophiliacs who have been infected with hepatitis through blood products.

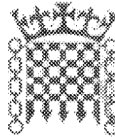
Mr **GRO-A** has referred to the settlement made specifically for haemophilia patients who had contracted HIV through infected blood products. We accepted they were a special case and made special payments. There are no plans to extend the settlement scheme for haemophilia patients with HIV to those who may have been infected with hepatitis.

On the more general issue of compensation, the Government has never accepted the case for a no fault scheme of compensation for medical accidents. Of course, every individual case where a medical accident has occurred is a personal tragedy for both the individual concerned and their families. If the NHS is proved negligent in Court, of course, it accepts its liability to pay damages.

GRO-C

TOM SACKVILLE

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LONDON SW1A 0AA



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19th August 1993.

Dear Private Secretary,

As Mr. Porter is away at present
I am writing about the enclosed letter
from his constituent, Mr. **GRO-A**
GRO-A, who
is a haemophiliac and has developed
Hepatitis 'C' from a blood product.

Mr. Porter will be grateful for
Mr. Sackville's comments on the question
of compensation.

~~Yours~~ sincerely,

GRO-C

Private Secretary.
(Miss Evelyn Atkinson)

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