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LORD JENKIN OF RODING – ACCESS TO PAPERS

1. Following the meeting with Sir Nigel Crisp I attach a letter for you to send to Lord Jenkin regarding his access to papers on the issue of haemophilia patients who were infected with contaminated blood products. We have been able to trace a number of existing files which may assist Lord Jenkin. We have been in touch with the Departmental Records Office and The National Archives to retrieve these files.
2. I have also contacted Sally Perry, in the Propriety and Ethics Team at the Cabinet Office and she has advised that Lord Jenkin may have access to the full files so long as they cover his period in office. We will ensure that he gets the appropriate access.
3. Lord Jenkin made a brief reference to the report “The Hepatitis C Scandal” by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Hepatology. This report was published on 22 March and, as requested, I am sending you a photocopy of the report via internal post. The report contains 13 recommendations, is critical of Government action in tackling hepatitis C and calls on the Government to give it greater priority. I attach the briefing produced by colleagues at the time which covers what is in the report and our position on it.

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Following your meeting with Sir Nigel on 13 April I am writing to let you know that colleagues in the Blood Policy Team have been able to identify some files which may contain papers relating to your period in office, on the issue of haemophilia patients who were infected with contaminated blood products.

Colleagues have been in touch with the Departmental Records Office and The National Archives to retrieve the files for the period 1979-1981. Zubeda Seedat in the Blood Policy Team will contact you as soon as the relevant files have been sent to her, to arrange a date for you to come in and view the files, which we hope will be within the next week.

I am also arranging for you to meet with the Head of Blood Policy when you visit the office to view the files.

Yours sincerely

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