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Dear

Ministers have expressed some concern at recent press reports which suggested that the Macfarlane Trust has not been distributing money as quickly as it should.

We have been able to reassure them that the Trustees have adopted a cautious and responsible approach and that the amount of money paid out will increase once a more complete picture of the need has been obtained. Nevertheless the Minister of Health, Mr Mellor, has asked me for regular two monthly reports, starting in January 1989 on the activities of the Trust. I would be grateful therefore if you could arrange to send me an update report by 19 January. It need not be very long but should at least give the cumulative total payout, cumulative total number of award made and any new policy decisions regarding distribution made in the period. We will use the information to assemble a short note for Ministers.

From the beginning of January John Canavan will be taking over from me as Principal of HS1A. As you know I will be leaving the Department on a secondment to the NBS.

On a personal note I would like to thank you for the open and productive way we have been able to work together over the last three years and wish you well for the future. I will of course continue to follow the important work of the Macfarlane Trust and the Haemophilia Society with interest and hope they will have a fair wind in the coming year.

Yours sincerely

R J Moore