

MRS RYDER

DIARY MEETING

AIDS

David Willetts has suggested that the Prime Minister may like to open the £30 million blood products laboratory at Elstree next year. The lab will ensure that haemophiliacs can be supplied from our own pure sources with special blood plasma, to protect them from becoming innocent victims of AIDS. I suggested the Prime Minister discuss this at the next diary meeting, and she agreed.

My own feeling on this is that the Prime Minister should stay clear of AIDS (!), even when it is a question of opening laboratories to help innocent victims. I think this is all something for Norman Fowler. If she is going to do a medical visit, I should prefer to suggest opening a hospital, or a home for children with incurable diseases, etc. Furthermore, I do not think we could entertain the idea of a visit to Elstree (where the lab is) without combining it with something else.

I attach the papers which you may like to hold together for the time being.

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