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To see papers  
attached.

Dr Harris  
I would like to send  
an appropriate reply

GRO-C [ROBERT]

15/4

Dear Dr Acheson

GRO-A

Deceased

dob

GRO-A

Washington DC

This unfortunate prematurely born boy died in the Hospital for Sick Children Great Ormonde Street on 10 April and the cause of death la Pneumonia lb Acquired immune deficiency syndrome was referred to me by the local registrar of births and deaths. Enquiry at the hospital revealed that this was regarded as a consequence of the transfusion of blood infected with the virus whilst in hospital in Washington DC.

I have just completed the inquest and returned a verdict of death by misadventure. I stated in open court as the rule requires that I would be reporting the facts to you as I believe that the death falls within the rule: a copy of which I enclose.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C [DOUGLAS R]

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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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### CORONERS

#### The Coroners Rules 1984

(b) civil liability.

##### *Prevention of similar fatalities*

43. A coroner who believes that action should be taken to prevent the recurrence of fatalities similar to that in respect of which the inquest is being held may announce at the inquest that he is reporting the matter in writing to the person or authority who may have power to take such action and he may report the matter accordingly.

#### PART VII

##### SUMMONING OF JURORS AND EXCUSAL FROM JURY SERVICE

##### *Summoning of jurors*

44. Subject to the provisions of these Rules, the person to whom the coroner's warrant is issued under section 3 of the Act of 1887 for the summoning of persons to attend as jurors at inquests shall have power to do so.

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