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Trustees (copy to Gen Sec. Hcen Sec.)

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Dear David,

Meeting with the Department of Health - 5th March 1992

The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and I visited Mr Heppell and colleagues on 5th March. The good relations between the Trust and the Department were warmly confirmed.

We are promised a letter to record the statements made at the meeting, but meanwhile this note records our understanding of what we deemed to be a very productive encounter.

There was some discussion on actual sums of money which might be needed now or in the future but agreement was more easily reached in terms of levels of expenditure.

We were given reassurance that:

- a. The people with haemophilia and HIV would continue to be treated as a special case
- b. The Government was happy with the work of the Trust and agreed that this was the best means of continued help with the special needs
- c. The Trustees need not make arbitrary cuts in expenditure and might even make reasonable provision against inflation. Further funds would be provided in time to avoid any guillotine.

Unspoken but implied, was the view that the Government would prefer this not to become a public issue again right now and equally that they did not want to have to find the money right now. It was conceded that in a year's time we shall have made further inroads into capital, and the 'rescue' price will be higher.

The Chairman asks that you treat this information as confidential until we receive confirmation from the Department.

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John Williams
Administrator