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"Re: Lord Archer's Independent Inquiry into Blood Safety: Further release of Departmental papers"

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Liz,

I find Jacky's tone unnecessary. There is no action required and para 8 of Patrick's note makes it abundantly clear that there was no response to the issue of the first batch and no need to suppose this one would be any different. Given the embargo on submissions we considered not sending any note. In the end we felt that it would helpful to keep Pr Off in the loop and this sort of reaction from Jacky is simply rude.

Given the endless short deadlines we have to respond to from private offices generally, Jacky's response beggars belief. I hope that you might find an opportunity to point this out to her.

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Patrick,

In future can I have more notice than just the day before.

thank you.

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1. As you know, it has been agreed to issue relevant papers on blood safety between 1970 and 1985 to Lord Archer's independent inquiry into contaminated blood and blood products. This minute is to advise you that the second tranche of papers has been prepared for release, and is for information only.
2. We plan to issue the papers to Lord Archer's inquiry team **tomorrow, 10 July**.
3. On 22 May the Department released a Review of documents relating to the safety of blood products 1970-1985 (non-A, non-B hepatitis). The documents referenced in the review were issued to Lord Archer's independent inquiry at the same time and have since been placed on the Freedom of Information (FoI) pages on the DH website with the Review.
4. The Review identified over 4,000 documents held in unregistered files of which 56 were released with the review. It was agreed at the time of publication that the remaining documents would be prepared and released to the inquiry at monthly intervals. The first tranche was released on 14 June.
5. We have prepared the second batch of documents and will be issuing them on Tuesday 10 July.
6. This release comprises volumes 21-40 of a total of 101 files that we aim to prepare and issue. Documents are being prepared for release in the order in which they are held in files, and consequently are not in strict date and subject order.
7. The documents being issued cover a number of areas related to haemophilia and blood products other than non-A, non-B hepatitis (on which we have released all papers to coincide with the review on 22 May). The areas covered include:
 - HIV/AIDS;
 - self-sufficiency;
 - hepatitis and hepatitis B;
 - BPL redevelopment.
8. Thus far there has been no reaction from the first tranche of papers issued last month, and there is no particular reason to suppose that this further release of papers will require any immediate response. However, the attached Q and A, updated from that prepared for the release of the review in May, gives the main lines to take in the event of any questions arising.

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