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FIRST CLASS
12 Nov 87

Dear Dr Jones,

I know that you know of the repeated requests there have been to the Press Council to reconsider the adjudication it reached on your complaint against THE MAIL ON SUNDAY in 1984.

Recently you may have seen a leading article which that paper published on 18 Oct 87, a leader by its sister newspaper, the DAILY MAIL, the next day, and a further story in THE MAIL ON SUNDAY on 25 Oct 87. In case you have not seen them I am enclosing copies for your information.

The Press Council has also had a letter from Mr David G. Watters, general secretary of the Haemophilia Society, in which it urged the Council to maintain its original adjudication on your complaint.

After giving some preliminary consideration to these developments, the complaints committee which dealt with the original matter has decided to consider again very carefully at its next meeting whether it is possible and proper for the Press Council to reopen the matter as the newspaper has requested. It decided to invite you, the editor, and the Haemophilia Society to make any comments you wish or supply any material which you believe to be relevant to a decision about whether the complaint and adjudication should be reconsidered.

Although the committee's next meeting will not be for some weeks, I would appreciate having anything you would like it to consider as soon as is convenient to you.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C: Kenneth Morgan

Director.

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