

CJD/20

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## BLOOD SUPPLIES

1. You will have seen Mark Ferrero's note of 11<sup>th</sup> August. I have failed in my attempt to persuade Ministers that we should make some greater attempt to find if there are alternative sources of blood before referring the issue back to SEAC and MSBT. However, I think I have persuaded them that both these committees need to be consulted.
2. I have certainly persuaded Mark that if SEAC are to receive a paper it must deal not only with the question of safety of supply but also the demand for blood from surgeons, anaesthetists, physicians and so on. We cannot run the risk that SEAC will come up with an answer which disregards the patient's needs for blood transfusion to save life or preserve health. I think that point at least is established.
3. Clearly it would be sensible for SEAC's discussion on blood to co-opt one or two experts who can talk about the reasons why it is essential that the blood supply is maintained.

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cc ~~Mr Harvey~~ -re: SPAC agenda  
Mr Jones

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All turned up  
Ok in the end.

1 Glyn  
2 Schiappin (blood pip)