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AIDS : AMERICAN FACTOR VIII

██████████ telephoned from CDSC this morning with the following information:-

The male patient (aged 23 years) in Cardiff who is a known haemophiliac now appears to have the right symptoms and signs for a diagnosis of AIDS. (He has an opportunistic infection - oesophageal candidiasis - and also epididymo-orchitis of unknown aetiology). He has been ill for a month and has been treated with American F VIII. We have no further news of the haemophiliac patient in London (as mentioned in the press on Sunday 1 May 1983).

██████████ last night received information from Spain that three haemophiliac patients there are thought to have AIDS and have also been treated with American F VIII. ██████████ thinks that the product is irradiated but we are all aware that this would not eliminate a transmissible agent, say of the slow virus type.)

██████████ asks that the Department should consider the matter as a priority - and asks that any top level meeting should include CDSC (who are collecting all data on AIDS cases for us). I assured him we would liaise with CDSC and also told him that we had already met ██████████ (C.A. in blood transfusion) and he was in touch with Regional Transfusion Directors - and that alternative supplies of F VIII are being considered but are not going to be easy to come by - the matter is under active consideration. (Swiss supplies are considered doubtful - is Germany a possibility)?

██████████ is in Newcastle today and I understand you are in a meeting - otherwise ██████████ would have spoken to you himself.

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Have we a file for these papers?

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