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1. The line of the reply from Oxford does not surprise me. They are correct in stating that they are a major producer of ANG without which the programme will founder, something we cannot possibly contemplate as the Minister of State has only recently reaffirmed his aim of NHS self-sufficiency in this substance. Quite apart from this, the alternative of buying the commercial product (with its higher hepatitis risk) is more costly than producing our own.

2. If we are to continue to insist that any extra capital required must be met out of next year's normal allocation, it is understandable that Oxford would wish to assess the priority of ANG production against all the other commitments for which the RMA have to find money and the Authority's order of priorities may not be the same as those of the Department. The Department has sought to have this project given special priority and it seems to me that we must now devise some means of ensuring that Oxford are able to let the contract and get on with necessary works.

3. I should be grateful if you could consider, as a matter of urgency, what can be done. The Minister of State has called for another progress report on ANG production which we must let him have in the very near future.

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