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IN VITRO FERTILISATION: POSSIBLE ENQUIRY INTO MEDICAL ETHICS

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 4th April to Willie Whitelaw about establishing a Committee of Enquiry.

While I am happy to go along with your suggestion, I would recommend strongly that their Report is so timed as not to emerge until after the next General Election.

I am copying this to the recipients of yours.

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