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Dear Norman;

In Vitro Fertilisation: Possible Inquiry into Medical Ethics

I understand the reasons you give in your letter of 4th April for seeking to exclude controversial problems in medical ethics from the scope of the Committee's terms of reference. Nevertheless, for the reasons I gave in my letter of 25th February to the Prime Minister, I do not think that these questions can properly be excluded, and I accordingly agree with Janet Young's suggestion in her letter of 21st April that the terms of reference should be extended to cover ethical matters.

I am sending copies of this letter to those who received your letter of 4th April.

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The Right Honourable  
Norman Fowler, M.P.,  
Secretary of State for Social Services.