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From the Private Secretary

MR STARK
CABINET OFFICE

AIDS

The Prime Minister has seen Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 1 October about the establishment of a Ministerial steering group and an inter-departmental team of senior officials on this subject. The Prime Minister did not think it was necessary to bring these bodies within the Cabinet committee network. But she would be grateful if you could ensure that the Cabinet Office was kept fully in touch with their activities in whatever way is thought most appropriate.

(TIM FLESHER)

3 October 1985

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Prime Minister:

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Jan agreed to the announcement made

by Mr Hayter. I

should have thought

Cabinet Office representation would be sufficient.

Agree? Yes

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MR WICKS

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

The Secretary of State for Social Services sent me a copy of his minute of 25 September to the Prime Minister. That minute proposed the setting up of a Ministerial Steering Group and an interdepartmental team of senior officials.

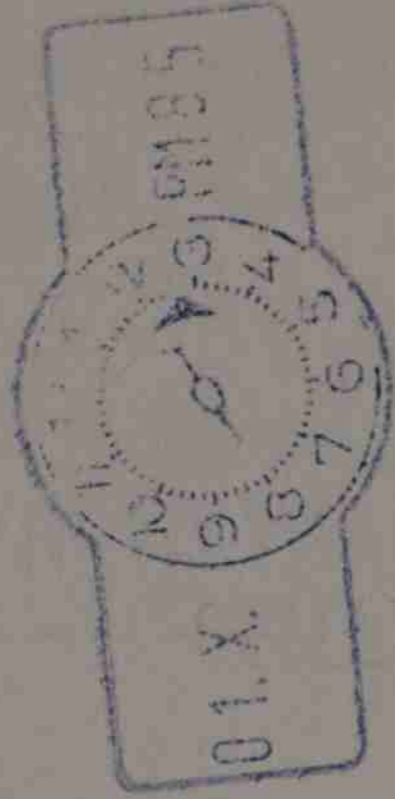
2. I am perfectly content to leave these bodies to be serviced by the Department of Health and Social Security if that is what the Prime Minister would like. But it occurs to me that on this highly sensitive political subject the Prime Minister might like to have the opportunity to keep an eye on what is going on by constituting these two bodies within the Cabinet Committee network and by servicing the secretariats at least partly with Cabinet Office people.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

1 October 1985

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