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THE PRIME MINISTER

29 May 1986

Dear Douglas.

Thank you for your letter of 21 May with which you enclosed one from Sir Robin Ibbs.

I have read Robin's letter with interest. His opinions are always to be valued and I therefore take particular note of his comments on the work of the Home Office in steering the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Bill through Parliament. It was a sensitive and potentially contentious piece of legislation and it is a great credit to all concerned that it had such a smooth passage. I hope that you will make sure that the officials concerned know about Sir Robin Ibbs' praise. *I am so pleased that he wrote. Letters of justified appreciation are all too rare.*

I read what both you and Robin say about David Mellor. I will keep this in mind.

Yours ever
Douglas

The Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd, C.B.E., M.P.

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