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Secretary

I refer to our discussion on 26 October and confirm that John O'Hara QC would be willing in principle to undertake an Inquiry if the Department decides to hold one. He makes the point that the Inquiry may have to be more involved and more legalistic than the Human Organs Inquiry in that allegations have been made against certain individuals of professional incompetence and malpractice. Those individuals' rights would have to be safeguarded and they may have to be allowed to be represented and indeed to give oral evidence. That said, he understands that the Department would want the Inquiry completed quickly. We discussed the availability of expert medical assistance and we agreed that it probably would be best if the paediatricians etc who have given evidence already in this matter were not directly involved in the running of the Inquiry. Therefore if the Inquiry proceeds, we should seek nominations from the appropriate professional body or Royal College in London or Dublin.

I spoke to Jack Conway and he confirms that the Human Organs Inquiry was held under the 1972 Order.

John O'Hara is available for an initial meeting on Wednesday or Thursday next. You are going to confirm a suitable time.

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