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Dear Clive

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Thank you for your letter of 13 May, and for the important points it raises.

When I wrote to both you and Dr. Campbell on 8 April, I told the CMO that we were continuing to investigate the circumstances of the deaths of Lucy and Raychel and the events which have followed them. As you know, Dr Campbell has recently written a newspaper piece about the matter, so the deaths and the CMO's responses to them remain the subjects of considerable public interest.

Since we are considering a second programme, I prefer to postpone a detailed reply to your letter until after the broadcast.

Yours sincerely

MWM

Alan Bremner
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