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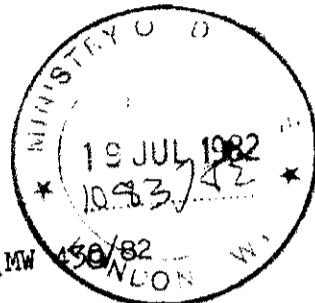
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BATON ROUNDS

Thankyou for your letter of 2nd July. The real situation is that the Medical Committee have been given all the theoretical and experimental data which we have and they have helped us to decide what experiments to do to make our and their evaluation more meaningful. You can rest assured that they are fully briefed on the experimental data and they are fully up to date.

The Committee has been consistent in stating that its opinion on the wounding capability of baton rounds must be validated by comparison with actual results of using baton rounds in Northern Ireland and repeatedly they have asked MOD for information. So far they have not been given any meaningful data on actual wounding but each time they meet they comment on the reports in the press and journals about injuries caused by baton rounds. Our excuse for not providing them with data that the cases are sub-judice is wearing a little thin.

We should bear in mind that the Chairman of the Committee has access to the Minister of State. I am trying to avoid the situation where the Chairman decides to use the Minister as a means of getting information which exists somewhere in the Government machine to the embarrassment of the Minister and officials.

Yours sincerely,

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