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**BSE: PRIVATE SUBMISSION OF BOVINE BRAIN - DEALLER**



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1. I am now able to report that Gerald Wells has finally received and examined a section from the brain submitted to Grange Laboratories, and is able to confirm that the lesions of BSE were pronounced.
2. In addition, John Williams (DVO Leeds) has received the attached confirmation of the result from Grange Laboratories. I suggest that we ask him to treat this as any other notification, and ask Dealler for details of the cow from which it was removed, thereby permitting confirmation as usual. To ignore it would suggest that we are really trying to cover up.
3. I have also attached papers faxed to me by John Wilesmith. They were received by Gerald Wells in confidence. You will note that Tony Palmer does not want to be associated with the letter to the Veterinary Record. In addition, the letter is so full of errors that I feel it would be best to do nothing until published, and then to respond fully in the Veterinary Record. We do need to cross check with the PQ that Dealler refers to, but we are on firm ground with respect to on-farm procedures, histological and SAF examinations of BABs, and the fact that in this instance the veterinary practice were also involved with a definite diagnosis of ketosis. Furthermore, we could also challenge the farmer's failure to report a relapse, if that is indeed what happened.

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