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BSE IN PETFOOD

To see the attached note of a meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary on 17 March and a minute from the Secretary of 19 April. I will be grateful for your comments on the accuracy of the minute from Mr Gleave which gives me some cause for concern.

I do not believe there is any significant trade in crushed bovine heads. Likewise I doubt whether the pet food industry have commissioned research into BSE but no doubt you can confirm if my supposition is correct.

In particular I do not believe one can say that the levels of the scrapie agent in pet food are so low that domestic animals are not exposed.

I will be grateful for your comments as soon as possible so that I may respond to the Secretary.


K C MELDRUM
24 April 1989

Dr W A Watson

- cc Mr Capstick
- Mrs Attridge
- Mr Cruickshank
- Mr Griffiths
- Mr Garnett
- Mr Suich

11 Mr Buckley RB 271
4 Dr Watson ✓ 27/4
Jan 26/4
as per minute 20
trying to contact Mrs
to clarify certain matters.

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