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Dear Val,

Greetings. It was very nice to see you on the Geneva link up.

Thanks for your e-mail. Huw has just brought it through to me just as I was trying to send this off to you. Meditel's e-mail address is: 100043.2223@compuserve.com. Hector, Michael Verney-Elliott and I are on the same link up. My own modem is a bit dodgy at the moment but I can always get the messages from H or M. As Huw is going away at the end of the week, it would be a good idea to communicate through my e-mail number.

Sorry Val, I have carried your book around with me in my bag and on aeroplanes for the last month and still haven't read it. The introduction sounds tantalising and I shall definitely read it on my two weeks away at the end of this month... Can't wait!

Eleni has told you about our chat on the telephone two days. At last, David Lloyd - formerly editor of Dispatches and now head of News and Current Affairs at Channel 4 - has said that he wants us to make a documentary for transmission on World AIDS Day, December 1st. It is two and a half years since I came back from the Dominican Republic to try to get this fifth Ch 4 programme off the ground! Huw and I want to concentrate on the development work we did for David on the failure of combination therapy (which is topical), and would then draw in the failure of AZT, the reasons why, and inevitably on to the "thorny" work on isolation of the Perth Group.

Lloyd wants us to find a strong current affairs peg for the programme and asked if you and Eleni were publishing anything between now and Dec 1st. Eleni mentioned your AZT paper that is being shortened for *Current Medical Research and Opinion*. I wonder if you could advise me as to when I could contact Dr Clarke and ask him if he would be willing to link publication of your paper with the week of transmission of our programme, which would of course refer to his journal.

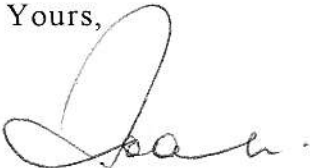
I shall look forward to receiving your letter to *Science* and the CMRO paper. This is only for information between us and David Lloyd as nothing we do or know now can be used until December 1st. But we need to have as much ammunition as possible.

I would appreciate it if we could make the initial contact with Dr Clarke before I go away on July 28th. I get back on August 11th and then Huw and I will submit our latest proposal document (as requested by Lloyd) by mid August with the view of going into pre-production in September and filming in October.

Say hello to Dave Smith and tell him my aunt from Perth is in London (from my mother's Chilean side of family). I told her about his Shenton history bits and she was v interested but she doesn't know him!

All the best,

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ian', with a small dot at the end.