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FROM BARRY JONES, M.P. 22 February 1994

Gwilym Jones, Esq., M.P., Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Welsh Office, Cathays Park, Cardiff,

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re: :

I have interviewed Mrs. at my constituency surgery. Mrs. is the legal guardian of my constituent, Miss aged 16 years, currently a patient in the Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

Mrs. has given me her notes - she has drafted questions. May I ask you please to respond to the questions? Can I also ask that these notes be returned to me?

Will you please draftyour letter to give Mrs. both information and comfort? I would be grateful to you for your especial help. Perhaps you would despatch one of your officials to visit Mrs.

I would be grateful for your help for my constituent.

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BSE/CJD THE CONNECTION

- What is B.S.E.?
- What is C.J.D.?
- Is there any connection at all between the two conditions?
- How did B.S.E. start?
- How did C.J.D. start?
- Where were the first cases of B.S.E.?
 - Where were the first cases of C.J.D.?
 - If there is nothing to hide, why is there so much secrecy? Why is the Government and other Bodies trying to stop any chance of people connecting the two diseases. The B.S.E. problem is obvious, but if the correct measures are taken, surely the problem could be contained, however, as it stands the lack of investigation and interest of the possibility of B.S.E. and C.J.D. being linked is open for speculation and surely someone has to account for peoples lives!
- Why is so much trouble being taken to convince people that B.S.E. and C.J.D. are not linked? Guilty conscience perhaps? or cover up?
- How many cows have, or have had B.S.E.?
- How many people have, or have had C.J.D.?
- If a farmer finds an infected cow in the herd, what happens? Is that cow only, destroyed or the whole herd? What precautions are taken isolation, disinfection, reporting of the incident to the Official Bodies?
- \(\)\ Is there any supervision of contaminated cattle to slaughter, then disposal \(\)\ Where? What records? Etc.
- What does happen to the meat of infected cattle not just the brain and spinal column?
- Green top milk This should be banned! Does it even have a warning?
- If calves have been feeding from infected cows, what happens to them? (Vertical transmission has been proved). Should they also be destroyed or are farmers allowing them to remain with the rest of the herd?
- Any ground infected with excrement from infected cattle e.g fields, public roads used for access. Is this hazardous?
- We want more information, and investigation departments initiated and not just Government run let us find out just what can be done to help this situation!
- If you say that there is no connection between B.S.E. and C.J.D. then please find out more about C.J.D. and then maybe people will stop linking the two and panicking about what they are eating and drinking. It is in the Governments own interest to keep people suffering with C.J.D. and families of those people who have died from it, to do everything in it's power to find out the cause and perhaps allay fears regarding cattle, beef, beef products, milk etc., i.e., THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY. Help C.J.D. sufferers and their families and then you will help yourself. If not you admit your guilt by your own inactivity and silence.

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