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All right
HR
3/3/97

H.M.

With reference to orders in Council I resubmit the draft order amended to carry out the decision arrived at: the words in bracket being omitted & the marginal words be substituted.

The ~~draft~~ order was just on the point of issue when I stopped it.

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I think we should ask H.A.S. but I think we forgot to say that one should be a female — Please put this right. 27/2/97

Provision has been made for 1 H.A. & 1 female apothecary or H.A. V.R.

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