

STM: LN3/NYK JULY 29TH, 1978 MSG: CRP

TO: TIME MEDICINE

FROM: LONDON BY: WHITE

SLUG: IT'S A GIRL EOH:

CKPTS ONE TO THREE ANSWERED IN CAC, SENT EARLIER.

4) THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THEY REMOVED ONE EGG, OR MORE THAN ONE EGG, WAS NOT ASKED AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE. CI WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE FOR ONLY TWO QUESTIONS, FYI, THE ONE WHICH RESULTED IN THE ANSWER FROM EDWARDS: "THE LAST TIME I SAW HER SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL, EIGHT-CELLED EMBRYO," AND THE ONE TO STEPTOE ABOUT HOW COULD THEY BE SURE THE CHILD WAS NORMAL? HOWEVER, WHEN THEY REFERRED TO THE PROCEDURE, THEY SPOKE OF ONE EGG, AND EDWARDS SAID IN DISCUSSING THAT RECORD, 85-SECOND OPERATION THAT IT TOOK THAT TIME "TO ASPIRATE THE EGG," EGG, SINGULAR. WHETHER THEY HAVE REMOVED EGGS, OR ONE EGG, OR VARIED IT ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, WILL HAVE TO AWAIT THEIR MEDICAL PAPER, BUT IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE THE IMPRESSION WAS LEFT THAT IT WAS ONE EGG.

5) EDWARDS SAID "THE LAST TIME I SAW HER SHE WAS ETC.," NOT "THE LAST TIME I SAW THE BABY BEFORE BIRTH SHE WAS ETC." AND EDWARDS SAID, TO THE REPORTER WHO ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT A NORMAL LIFE FOR THE CHILD, "THAT DEPENDS ON YOU," MEANING THE PRESS. IN BOTH CASES, REPORTERS HAVE EXPANDED THE QUOTES TO MAKE THE MEANING OF THE REPLY CLEARER. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IF YOU WISH TO
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USE THE QUOTES THAT WAY. IT DOES MAKE IT CLEARER TO THE READER, AND THAT'S THE AIM OF THE GAME. IF CHANGING THE QUOTE DID VIOLENCE TO THEIR THOUGHT, THAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT, BUT THE CONTRARY IS TRUE.

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