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MSG: ADV

TO: TIME MEDICINE

FROM: LONDON BY: BONNIE ANGELO

SLUG: TEST TUBE BABY CLOSE: 7/20 EOH:

WE ARE GOING AT THE STORY HAMMER AND TONGS (HAMMER AND FORCEPS?), BUT SUGGEST THAT WE ARE A WEEK TOO EARLY IN THIS MAJOR TAKEOUT. THE TEST TUBE BABY IS NOT DUE TO BE DELIVERED FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS — ACTUALLY, AUGUST 4 IS THE WORKING DATE. ALTHOUGH OF COURSE IN ANY NORMAL BIRTH THE SITUATION COULD CHANGE, FEW MOTHERS-TO-BE ARE MONITORED AS CLOSELY AS THIS ONE. THE FACT THAT TWO WEEKS WAS GIVEN OFFICIALLY AS THE MINIMUM TIME BEFORE THE BIRTH SUGGESTS THAT STEPTOE FEELS QUITE CONFIDENT OF NORMAL PROGRESS. GIVEN THIS, WOULDN'T THE ISSUE PRESSWARDING SATURDAY, JULY 29 BE CLOSER TO THE INTEREST GENERATED BY THE EVENT, BUT STILL IN ADVANCE OF IT?

WHATEVER YOU DECIDE, YOU'LL HAVE FILES FOR THIS WEEK'S USE.

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