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FURTHER ON OUR CHECKPOINT:

IT IS CLEAR THAT EMBRYO TRANSFERS HAVE BEEN PERFORMED FOR SOME YEARS NOW, BOTH IN LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS AND IN LIVESTOCK BREEDING., WHAT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR IS WHETHER ANY OF THESE EMBRYO TRANSFERS INVOLVED IN VITRO FERTILIZATION OF THE OVUM. THAT IS THE ALL-IMPORTANT DISTINCTION. OUR RESEARCH HERE INDICATES THAT IT DID NOT INVOLVE IN VITRO FERTILIZATION, AND THAT NO SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SUCH EXPERIMENTS HAS EVER BEEN PERFORMED ON MAMMALS OTHER THAN RATS. SO, NO MATTER HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE DR. MACLAREN HAS HAD DOING EMBRYO TRANSFERS IN ANIMALS, HER EXPERIENCE IS NOT RELEVANT TO THE MATTER OF IN VITRO FERTILIZATION OF A HUMAN EGG AND ITS SUBSEQUENT IMPLANTATION IN A HUMAN UTERUS. THAT IS WHY WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER HER EXPERIMENTS INVOLVED IN VITRO FERTILIZATION, AND IF SO, HOW MANY OF THESE EXPERIMENTS SHE HAS PERFORMED, AND WITH WHAT RESULTS. IF SHE HAS NOT HERSELF PERFORMED IN VITRO FERTILIZATIONS AND IMPLANTATIONS IN MAMMALS, DOES SHE KNOW OF ANYBODY IN ENGLAND WHO HAS?

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