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TO: TIME MEDICINE  
FROM: LONDON   BY: WHITE  
SLUG: TEST TUBE BABY           EOH:

YES, ITS CORRECT THAT STEPTOE APPEARS AT OLDHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL DAILY.

TK THE EXACT YEAR WHEN STEPTOE-EDWARDS TEAMED UP. MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET IT QUICKLY. ITS MORE THAN A DECADE. COULD BE 12 YEARS, BUT CAN'T BE EXACT.

SOURCES SAY STEPTOE-EDWARDS HAVE "TREATED" HUNDREDS OF WOMEN, BUT NO RELIABLE SOURCE SUGGESTS THAT 400 IMPLANTS HAVE BEEN TRIED. THE NUMBER OF IMPLANTS SURELY IS SCORES, AND MAYBE MORE THAN 100. OBVIOUSLY, MANY ATTEMPTED FERTILIZATIONS DID NOT RESULT IN IMPLANTS. YOU COULD SAY THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE ATTEMPTED IN VITRO FERTILIZATION AND IMPLANTATION IN MORE THAN 100 WOMEN. BUT NOBODY KNOWS. SAFEST MIGHT BE SIMPLY TO SAY THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE ATTEMPTED IMPLANTS IN SCORES OF WOMEN.

NONE OF OUR SOURCES KNOWS SUCCESS RATE AT REACHING FERTILIZATION. 30 PERCENT WOULD BE PURE GUESS. DO YOU HAVE A SOURCE?

NO, STEPTOE IS NOT CONSULTING GYNOCOLOGIST AT KERSHAW'S. HE JUST USES THE PLACE FOR HIS TEST TUBE BABY WORK.

TO SAY STEPTOE "ENJOYS CRICKET" IMPLIES THAT HE PLAYS

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CRICKET, WHICH HE DOES NOT. SAYS HE ENJOYS WATCHING CRICKET  
(INSERTING WATCHING)

DO NOT SAY "WHO OCCASIONALLY PLAYS CHORAL PRELUDES" ETC.,  
BUT RATHER "WHO HAS PLAYED ETC" THAT CLIP WAS MANY YEARS OLD.  
HE DID IT THEN, BUT NOBODY KNOWS OF HIM PLAYING IN CHURCHES NOW.

WE HEARD IT SUGGESTED THAT STEPTOE-EDWARDS USED FERTILITY  
HORMONES IN THE BEGINNING, BUT THAT THEY JUST MIGHT HAVE  
STOPPED IT LATER. "REPORTEDLY" FOLLOW A STANDARD PROCEDURE ETC  
WOULD HANDLE THAT.

THE INCISION IS MADE UNDER GENERAL (NOT NOT LOCAL)  
ANAESTHESIA, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES.

STEPTOE AND EDWARDS IN 1976 REPORTED IN THAT LANCET PIECE  
(APRIL 24, 1976) THAT "THE ECTOPIC EMBRYO WAS REMOVED AT  
13 WEEKS OF GESTATION." SEE SUMMARY IN FIRST PARA OF ARTICLE.  
STORY HAS NINTH WEEK OF PREGNANCY.

DR. KERSHAW'S COTTAGE HOSPITAL IS IN OLDHAM METROPOLITAN  
BOROUGH, NOT ABOUT A MILE FROM OLDHAM. KERSHAW'S IS ABOUT A MILE  
FROM OLDHAM AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL WHERE MRS. BROWN IS  
NOW. SUGGEST SAY ...SET AMID GREEN FIELDS ABOUT A MILE FROM  
OLDHAM AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL (OR ABOUT A MILE FROM THE  
HOSPITAL WHERE MRS. BROWN AWAITS THE BIRTH.) KERSHAW'S IS IN A  
SUBURB CALLED ROYTON, WITHIN OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH.

MRS. BROWN WASN'T SENT AT ONCE TO OLDHAM AND DISTRICT  
GENERAL HOSPITAL WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED SHE WAS PREGNANT. SHE  
WAS AT HOME FOR MONTHS. WAY SENTENCE READS IT SEEMS LIKE SHE  
WENT STRAIGHT FROM KERSHAW'S TO OLDHAM AND DISTRICT GENERAL  
HOSPITAL. SHE WENT INTO OLDHAM AND DISTRICT GENERAL LATE IN  
PREGNANCY.

BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE HIS NAME IS GILBERT JOHN, BUT HE'S

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KNOWN AS JOHN. AND JOHN IS HOW MAIL AND ALMOST EVERYBODY IS  
CALLING HIM.

ALL SOURCES SAY EDWARDS IS 52. HE DOESN'T APPEAR IN ANY OF  
OUR DIRECTORIES, BUT HIS AGE GIVEN AS 52 IN BOTH  
OLDHAM AND CAMBRIDGE NEWSPAPER MORGUES.

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