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A B C ADELAIDE HAVE ASKED WHETHER FOLLOWING NEWS (NEWS) ITEM
 WOULD BE USED IN NEWS BULLETIN TODAY.

QUOTE THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCE IN ADELAIDE
 IS STANDING BY FOR A MAJOR BLOOD TESTING TASK WHICH MUST TAKE PLACE
 BEFORE THE FORTHCOMING NUCLEAR EXPLOSION AT MARALINGA.

THE TESTS ARE TO BE MADE AT THE REQUEST OF THE BRITISH GOVERN-
 MENT WHICH WISHES TO HAVE AN ACCURATE RECORD OF ANY BLOOD CHANGES IN
 MEMBERS OF THE TEST CREW FOLLOWING THE EXPLOSION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCE
 SAID TODAY THAT IT WAS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER MOBILE UNITS COULD
 BE TAKEN TO MARALINGA FOR THE BLOOD TESTS. HE SAID MOST OF THE
 WORK ASSOCIATED WITH BLOOD TESTING AT THE INSTITUTE WAS CARRIED
 OUT BY FEMALE STAFF, AND WOMEN WERE NOT ALLOWED IN THE MARALINGA
 AREA. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO FLY
 MARALINGA PERSONNEL TO ADELAIDE FOR THE BLOOD TESTS.

THE INSTITUTE HAS ALREADY HAD EXPERIENCE IN THIS TYPE OF TESTING.
 ITS STAFF OF ABOUT 20 HAS TESTED ALL PERSONNEL GOING TO THE
 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN URANIUM FIELD AT RADIUM HILL AND BLOOD TESTS ARE
 COMPULSORY FOR X RAY STAFFS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA UNQUOTE

COULD I HAVE AN ANSWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER THAT I MAY
 ADVISE A B C ACCORDINGLY

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