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Dear Bill

I write, alas! yet once again, to ask if there is any possibility of increasing our monthly allocation of Elstree antihaemophilic factor for the South East and South West Thames Regions. You may know that we have at last been able to appoint a Supraregional Nurse Co-ordinator, especially to help with the introduction of Home Treatment, and she has been dutifully going round to spread the word, only to find that the major obstacle for many of the smaller Centres is the difficulty of obtaining sufficient concentrate.

Our Pharmacist has been generous in allowing us to order all the commercial factor-VIII concentrate we need to make up our own short-fall, but I find that many of my colleagues are less fortunately placed in this respect. I am making enquiries to see whether anything can be done at Regional level to help here, but it is obviously unlikely that extra finance will fall from heaven.

I know that you have encouraging plans for greatly increasing output in the future, but I wonder whether the current small increases in the flow of plasma, of which you have told me, would make it possible to increase our allocation by a few extra vials each month? At the moment we calculate our distribution on the basis of five vials per month for each patient on Home Treatment at each Centre or Associate Centre; so that even a small increase each month would allow us to supply material for one or two more patients. I know this sounds rather like an Oxfam appeal for 50p a week to buy chillies for 3½ Brazilian coolies or whatever, but even a small increase would give a lot of encouragement.

Yours sincerely,

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