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Dear Dr. Smithies,

re: Preventive Action Against Transmission of Aids
through Blood Donations.

Thank you for your letter on this subject. I am glad to hear that we will soon receive copies of the revised AIDS Leaflet.

Our present precautionary arrangements entail:

- (i) An AIDS Leaflet is placed on each chair of the waiting area.
- (ii) All donors are required to sign indicating that they believe themselves to be medically fit and have read the AIDS Leaflet.

An example of this form is enclosed.

We have a computerised mailing system for donor call up (copy enclosed) and it would be impossible to incorporate any additional literature in the automated system. If we were required to send leaflets by post to each member of the panel this would entail recruiting staff to undertake this as a separate exercise in addition to postal costs. If we were to purchase a word processor that could link with the computer, print the envelopes and an explanatory letter, this would help but would require funds. The postal cost for around 100,000 letters would be substantial.

A suitably tactful poster would probably be an advantage - obviously we would like to see an example before committing ourselves.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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J.A.F. Napier,