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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter about AIDS and I am glad to see that you will be meeting Geoffrey Finsberg on May 20th. I am sure that the present Government has made a definite commitment to U.K. self-sufficiency in blood products but I am equally sure that your strong representations about the other three points would be very appropriate. You could ask Mr. Finsberg if he could draw the attention of the MRC to AIDS and to the desirability for funding for AIDS related research projects.

One important thing to emphasise is the essential need for increased regional funding for blood transfusion centres so that they will be in a position to increase the supply of plasma for processing at Elstree. This will be even more necessary if there is any substantial demand for cryoprecipitate on the part of haemophiliacs. Such a demand could reduce the supply of available plasma at present funding levels and a considerable expansion of regional facilities will be needed in any case.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL ADVISORY PANEL

First of all I would like to say how greatly we appreciate your help at this time! It feels as if I have written to you every day for the past ten days or so.

A group of us will be meeting with Geoffrey Finsberg on May 20 in connexion with the current AIDS publicity. It is our intention to raise the following matters at our meeting with him:-

- (a) A definite commitment to UK self-sufficiency in blood products.
- (b) An assurance that there will be no immediate ban on the importation of US blood products.
- (c) The possibility of the work at Elstree being further assisted in such a way as to make self-sufficiency possible earlier than 1985/6.
- (d) Government support for research into AIDS in the United Kingdom.

The Chairman has asked that obtain any view you may hold on those matters and also any other subjects which you feel we should raise at this time which relate specifically to AIDS.

With our warmest thanks and best wishes

Yours sincerely

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