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Dear Prof Bloom

ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)

Following the recent upsurge in interest and media publicity regarding this problem I have obtained from our parent company in the USA (Alpha Therapeutic Corporation of Los Angeles) more details of the precautionary steps that have been introduced to minimise the risk of this disease being transmitted via our pool of donors to the haemophilia population. They are as follows:-

- 1 Effective December 27 1982 all donors are screened to exclude those potential donors who are from or who have been in Haiti; have ever used illicit drugs intravenously; and male donors who have had sexual contact with a man. The plasmapheresis centre manager must accompany each shipment of plasma with a declaration to the effect that the exclusions above have been carried out.
- 2 Each potential donor is now issued with a leaflet on arrival at the centre giving the basic background information on AIDS and its possible transmission through plasma donations. The importance of them not donating if they belong to one of the exclusion groups is emphasised.

I also attach a transcript of a press release issued by the Corporation in January 1983.

I hope this adequately demonstrates the company's rapid response to the concern expressed by the medical community and that we appear to be 'leading the way' as far as major plasma fractionators are concerned to make our final products as safe as possible. If you have any other points you would like to raise on this issue please contact me asap.

Yours sincerely

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