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17th December, 1980.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I write on behalf of the Haemophilia Society, which has lately become concerned at the large amounts of Factor VIII concentrate being imported into the U.K. from commercial sources. You may perhaps know that the Society has been able in the past to meet with the Health Minister at the D.H.S.S. to discuss various topics of concern to us. We have it in mind to raise the question of Factor VIII supply and demand at the next opportunity, and I have been asked to coordinate a small (three-man) "fact-finding" group on this subject. Obviously, the work of the Elstree Blood Products Laboratory is crucial to this whole subject, and, rather than our obtaining information from the Society's medical advisers at second hand (with the possibility of misunderstanding and errors of fact arising), we wondered whether you would be willing to meet our working-party to "brief" us on the work done at Elstree. As you will appreciate, our wish would be to see increased plasma fractionation capacity in the U.K. Presumably the feasibility of this is not only a question of whether or not finance is available but also of availability of equipment, skilled staff and plasma raw material. It is these subjects in particular on which we feel you are the best qualified person to advise us.

I hope very much that you will feel able to help us. We would obviously time our meeting, should you agree to our coming to see you, to suit your convenience. I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

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