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Dear Dr. Lane,

By now Jean Spooner will have contacted you about the projected meeting of the Hepatitis Working Party on the 19th January at Oxford. For your information I enclose a copy of a paper I prepared for the MRC Hepatitis Vaccine Group which describes early information about AIDS in the U.S.A. The latest information from CDC Atlanta is that eight cases have occurred in haemophilia A patients. All these are patients with severe coagulation defects requiring regular treatment with factor VIII. We have, as yet, no information about whether any brand or batch of concentrate is implicated. In addition two cases have occurred in non-haemophiliac patients which may be related to whole blood transfusions between a year and eighteen months prior to the onset of the syndrome.

There are certain medico-legal complications in the follow up of these cases in the U.S.A., but if confirmed it will provide the first objective information with regard to the possible length of the incubation period in this disease.

I also enclose a copy of one of the protocols which was prepared at CDC Atlanta for use in their survey. I think it summarises the spectrum of clinical syndromes which may be found in this disease and may assist you when you are thinking about possible investigation in suspect patients.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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