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21 November 1988

Dear Richard

HUMAN ALBUMIN FOR STRATEGIC RESERVE

Following our meeting with MOD on 21 October I have secured the approval of Ministers for the proposal.

Mr North has written with questions of detail on the proposals and I have replied referring him to you. I enclose copies of the correspondence.

As we agreed you will at least cover all processing costs, and revenue income arising from processing will of course figure in your accounts in the normal way.

SHHD have not yet decided either whether they want their plasma to form part of the deal or whether it should be processed at Elstree. I expect them to be in touch but you may hear directly from Bob Perry.

We can now move ahead freely. It is not our intention to volunteer information but I attach a line to take which we have prepared for Ministers should they be asked.

Yours sincerely

Regards

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Dr R J Moore

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26 October 1988

Dear Dr Moore

HUMAN ALBUMIN FOR STRATEGIC RESERVE

Reference:

Your letter dated 9 Sept 88

Thank you for attending the meeting on 21 October 1988 at First Avenue House, to discuss the proposed MOD purchase of Human Albumin.

I write to confirm our verbal agreement that MOD is willing to purchase Albumin processed from the 196 tonnes (approx) of unscreened plasma at Elstree and Plasma fractionation Centre, Scotland.

We have agreed that MOD will bear the cost of processing estimated at £600K.

I understand the initial objective will be to reduce the plasma to approximately 3400 kg of Albumin 5 paste. During the time taken to achieve this we will refine our strategic requirement and advise CBLA if further processing to HAS is required and if so, the total quantity.

We have made a financial provision for the initial processing to 5 paste in FY88/89, I would be grateful if you could confirm approximate costs and whether or not the transfer of funds will be required in the current FY.

The identification of personnel from MOD sources to assist in processing will be a concurrent activity, however, for planning purposes we must assume that this will not be possible, and personnel will be provided by CBLA.

I trust that you are in agreement with the foregoing and look forward to receiving further details in the near future.

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Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr North

HUMAN ALBUMIN FOR STRATEGIC RESERVE

Thank you for your letter of 26 October regarding the above.

We have now secured the agreement of our Ministers to the proposal for the MOD to purchase albumin processed from the stockpile of unscreened plasma at Elstree. Now that the points of policy have been cleared, we consider it most appropriate for you to deal directly with the Blood Products Laboratory, Elstree as you would with any other supplier. They will be able to give you the details of costs, amounts available and timing which you require.

At present my Scottish colleagues have not yet determined the way forward for their own plasma or cleared a line with their Minister. As you know their plasma amounts to some 20 tonnes. They will be contacting me in due course with their decision.

Thank you for the good progress we have made so far. Should any problems arise please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

GRO-C

Dr R J Moore

LINE TO TAKE:-

"An expert group has advised that the untested plasma is safe to use to make albumin. It will therefore be processed in a separate facility of the Blood Products Laboratory at Elstree not used to make products for the NHS, and made into albumin which will be held by the Ministry of Defence in a strategic reserve".

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