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Subject: Ref: PEH/SL; Draft letter of 11 October 2000

Dear Stephen

I am commenting on your draft letter of 11 October regarding [GRO-A]

You will also have received a letter of 20 October from Dr P E Hewitt regarding the Lothian Ethics Committee.

To comment on that one first:

As Pat Hewitt says this Ethics Committee played no part in the decision to withdraw product. Their decision was in recommending that recipients (at least in the UK) should not be informed.

The following replies refer numerically to the same numbered questions in your letter of 11 October.

1. The plasma in the pool was collected by Midlands, South-West and Northern Regional Transfusion Centres.
2. We did not supply 172.2kg of product to Nycomed Amersham. That was the size of the whole batch. We supplied 20x50ml bottles of 20% Zenalb (10g albumin per bottle).
3. Our SOP, operational in conjunction with the rest of the NBS, stipulates that we are sent post-donation information. The information about the donor who had contributed to the plasma pool came through that well-established route on 31 October 1997. We were not told that the donor had actually died. Therefore, it is probably not accurate to say that the donor had died. However, at that time, the confirmation of nvCJD was usually following autopsy.
4. All product had been returned on or by 19 November 1997. We officially closed the file in February 1998 as all activities had been completed by then.

I hope this answers your questions. If I can be of further help, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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