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Dear Sir Colin

National Blood Authority

At our previous meeting the Committee of the British Society for Haematology discussed its lines of communication with the National Blood Authority and as Secretary I was asked to write to Dr Robinson to seek information.

Dr Robinson has replied to me indicating that Professor Ted Gordon-Smith has been appointed to Chair a National Blood User Group. I understand that one of the aims of this Blood User Group is to ensure communication between hospital users and the transfusion service. The Society, however, felt that as a professional body they would wish to have a closer link with the NBA Board and I raised with Dr Robinson the possibility of the Society being represented on the Board. She pointed out to me that since the NBA is a special health authority there are quite clear rules and regulations about the Constitution of its Board. She suggested that I wrote to you as Chairman to raise with you the question of whether or not the Society could be directly represented on the NBA Board. I would be most grateful for your advice on this matter.

Kind regards, Yours sincerely **GRO-C** ID Walker

cc to Mrs Janice O'Donnell