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Dr. Walford You will I know be discussing
with John Harley about the reply. - can I see
the draft please? - already interest in
minutes !!

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MS(H) - to see

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Dr. G. F. Vaughan, M.P.,
House of Commons,
London, SW1 0AA.

cc Mr Collier Mr Wormald
Dr Harris Dr Oliver
Mr Williams Dr Walford
Dr Griffin Mr Harley - for adv
J& draft reply
please

Dear Dr. Vaughan,

It is some little while since we met briefly in the House of Commons
and talked about the issue of supply of products made from human
blood plasma to hospitals in Britain.

I am writing again, first of all to let you know that I am still doing
what I can to maintain an interest within my company which, as you
know, is operating on a worldwide basis, in the possibility of
investing further in Britain should the environment here appear to
be appropriate for the establishment of a commercial fractionation
unit. You did understand, I know, that this is not a firm commitment
since we have not discussed the prospect in great detail but in my own
view there is a very good chance that a high level of interest in such
a project could be generated, if the Government decides that the
introduction of capital and expertise from industry represents a more
suitable approach to providing blood derivatives than the present
system of manufacture within the National Health Service.

I have discussed this matter with James Collier and he has been
extremely helpful. I have repeatedly offered to do everything
possible to help those in the Transfusion Service and the Department
of Health involved in this difficult decision, to make their judge-
ments, through provision of information or by arranging visits to our
fractionation facilities so as to give a clear view of what is likely
to be involved. I am aware, through visits made within our
organisation, that H.M. Medicines Inspectorate are taking a particular
interest in fractionation plants, and we are well aware of the standard
of manufacturing practice and product which is being demanded.

Dr. Walford

*Spoke to
Harley & Kenneth
have to MUST
write this*

Dr Oliver I want to see drafts (if possible) with our comments on way back from this
Dr. (All P's & R's
completeness)

Mr Harley may not have been able to get
hold of me to date recently.

continued:

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I know he has sent his draft reply to
Mr Hart who has told me that he has proposed
some changes to make it rather more non-committal but
I have not seen
the draft myself

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I take the liberty of writing to you again simply because I believe it likely that this company will take a decision in investing in plasma fractionation somewhere in Europe during the coming few months and I am naturally anxious that the United Kingdom should get due consideration if Government and Health Authorities support a commercial involvement.

James Collier knows where and how to contact me at any time if I am needed, and I will send him a copy of this letter so that he is fully informed of the action I am taking in writing to you.

Yours sincerely,
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