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Dear Sirs,

***Re: Hepatitis Litigation***

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 1999 containing your pleadings. Obviously I have to take instructions and I will endeavour to get back to you before 30<sup>th</sup> November 1999. I note what you say about the hearing before Mr Justice Burton.

Yours faithfully

**GRO-C**

MRS ANITA JAMES  
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