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Dear John,

HCV DONATION TESTING, LOOK BACK

No doubt Ruthven has told you that this matter was raised briefly at the meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Virological Safety of Blood (ACVSB) on Wednesday 21st November, but a detailed discussion was not carried out.

It was agreed, however, that a preliminary discussion on this topic could be undertaken by the UK Blood Transfusion Service Advisory Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Diseases and as you are aware I have arranged a meeting of this Group for Tuesday 8th January 1991.

The next meeting of the ACVSB will be at the end of January and since the minutes of our meeting will be available to them I am sure that Dr. Metters will be agreeable to consider the advice that we give on this matter.

I have also received a letter from Dr. J. Craske, which I am copying to you with this letter because I think that this is another matter that we will have to consider at our meeting which

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is not unrelated to the question of look back. I am going to write to John Craske asking for a copy of the questionnaire for counselling which has been compiled by Dr. Julia Heptonstall since it might be useful if we adopted a similar approach on this matter.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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