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**BY FAX AND BY POST**

Dear Sirs,

***Re: Hepatitis Litigation***

Thank you for your helpful letter of 12<sup>th</sup> January. I apologise for not being more prompt in my reply.

I have two ring binders of 15 meetings of the Advisory Committee on the Virological Safety of Blood (which you refer to as the Advisory Committee on Hepatitis in your order). I have arranged for those to be copied and they will be sent to you this week.

As for the rest, at the time of writing I have four ring binders containing original documents in various states of dilapidation. The paper on which the documents are typed is of various hues. Further some of the documents have been highlighted. This leads me to suppose that they will not copy very well. Whilst I fully understand why you do not wish to attend my office, it probably would not take someone with experience long to extract what you want. I am entirely in your hands in the matter.

Yours faithfully

**GRO-C**

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