To: Charles Lister

From: Anita James Sol Litigation

Date: 1st February 2000

Copied to: Dr M McGovern

Re: Hepatitis C

Please see a copy of the letter dated 27th January 2000 from Deas Mallen Souter. I must admit it made my heart sink. Are we able to assist? If not what do I say to them. In my absence on a course which starts on 7th February 2000 and lasts for 2 weeks Mark Gidden will be dealing with the matter.

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ANITA JAMES SOLB4 Room 511 New Court Ext GRO-C /2 Mrs A James 26th January 2000

Third Meeting - 3rd July 1989

5 Please produce the annexures at ACVSB 3/1 (referred to in the Minutes as an *EC Directive on Blood Products*).

Fourth Meeting - 6th November 1989

- 6 Please produce annexures ACVSB 4/1 and 4/2; 4/5.
- The minutes at pages 197 and 198 consist of two pages only but the paragraph numbers are not consecutive, indicating that pages 2, 3 (and possibly other pages after 4) are missing. Please may we have a complete set of the minutes.

Fifth Meeting - 17th January 1990

8 Please produce annexures ACVSB 5/1, 2, 6-10.

Sixth Meeting - 24th April 1990

- Please confirm that the documents at 264A, 269, 276, 278, and 288 are not abstracts produced by Ortho at the London HCV Symposium on 8th February 1990 but notes prepared by Dr Rejman who was then a member of the Department of Health Secretariat supporting the ACVSB.
- Please produce annexures ACVSB 6/3, 6/4, 6/5, 6/6 and 6/7.
- 11 Can you confirm that the action chart at page 295 forms part of Professor Zuckerman's note at 290-295?

Seventh Meeting - 2nd July 1990

Our copies of the annexures for the Seventh Meeting have *lost* the annexure numbers usually indicated in manuscript in the top right hand corner. In respect of the documents at pages 310-339, please state the appropriate annexure number for each page, or group of papers.

Eighth Meeting - 21st November1990

13 Please provide a copy of annexure 8/2.

Ninth Meeting - 25th February 1991.

Please produce annexures 9/4 and 5, 9/7, 9/8, 9/9, 9/10, 9/12 and 9/13.

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Tenth Meeting - 29th May 1991.

- At pages 6/11-13 we have a report of a meeting of the UK BTS Advisory Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Diseases relating to HCV testing and counselling. The second page (page 2) is missing. Please make this good.
- Please confirm that the document terminated at paragraph 6.4 and there was no page 4, or subsequent pages.
- 17 Please produce annexures ACVSB 10/5, 10/6, 10/7, 10/8 and 10/9.

Eleventh Meeting - 29th October 1991.

- 18 Please produce annexure 11/1 and 11/5.
- 19 The Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting conclude on page 4 at 947 but there are clearly additional pages as evidenced by the fact there is no reference to the date of the next meeting. Please produce the missing pages.

Thirteenth Meeting - 2rd July 1992

- We appreciate that the meeting originally scheduled for June 1992 was postponed to 2nd July 1992. However, the papers for Thirteenth Meeting held on 2nd July 1992 omit the papers which the Committee considered and which were either circulated in advance or were tabled at the meeting. Please produce those documents, particularly those arising under items 3, 4 and 5 on the Agenda, all of which go to HCV in one form or another.
- Our copy of the minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting held on 2nd July 1992 consists of two pages only terminating at paragraph 4.2 ii. Please produce the balance of the minutes.

Fourteenth Meeting - 29th September 1992

As you rightly point out there is a repeat of the minutes of the Twelfth Meeting in the papers for the Fourteenth but more important we do not have the minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting. Please produce them.

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Procurement Product Liability

In 1988 the Department of Health and Social Security published a circular *Procurement Product Liability - London DSS 1988/HN/88(3)*. Please produce a copy.

Meeting Dr Metters/Dr Gunson 25th June1990

On 25th June 1990 Dr Gunson met Dr Metters to discuss the ALT testing of plasma destined for fractionation at BPL. Please disclose the meeting note made by Dr Metters and/or any other member of the Department of Health present and any correspondence and other documents arising as a result of that meeting.

Turning now to your letter of 26th January 2000 we are grateful to you for retrieving the Minutes of the Advisory Committee of Hepatitis. Once those papers are available, will you please arrange to have them copied and sent to us against our undertaking to pay your reasonable copying charges.

As it may take a week or so to retrieve these papers, please let us have the ACVSB papers as soon as they become available. We may need to inspect the originals but in the first instance we are content if you send us copies.

Yours faithfully / GRO-C: Deas Mallen Souter