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Date: Wednesday, 23 February 2000

Dear Sirs,

Re: Hepatitis C

I refer to your letter dated 7th February 2000 about this matter. It arrived during my absence from the office but I am pleased to say it was progressed.

I can now therefore tell you that there was no Advisory Group on Hepatitis (AGH) meeting on 1st March 1988. If you look at agenda item 2 of the minutes of 7th February, the AGH approved the minutes of their previous meeting which took place on 28th July 1987. They did not meet regularly.

I enclose copies of the papers which you asked to see. However, Professor Zuckerman's two papers and Dr Contreras' paper are about Hepatitis A or B and not C. They are therefore now relevant but I am disclosing them anyway.

Finally you are correct in your understanding that the reference to "anti HAV" in the minutes of 12th March 1991 is a typo for "anti - HCV".

Yours faithfully

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