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Dear Sirs,

RE: HEPATITIS C GENERIC

I write in response to your letter dated 21st March 2000. This arrived during my absence on leave.

Whilst I was away you received numbers 34 to 48 in our supplementary list. I am pleased to say, the Department has now found more documents (namely some of those which I listed in Annex A to my letter dated 9th March 2000 as being missing.) I have listed them as number 49 onwards in the supplementary list.


I note your anxiety about the disclosure statement. Thus far, you have had everything we have uncovered. Dr Rejman compiled the list at number 34 on the supplementary list and I can assure you he was more than familiar with the discovery process. The conduct of the case has been with this office since 1994. Before 26th April 1999 the process would have been under the old rules. I am familiar with the new rules and I will be signing the disclosure statement. The signed list will include all documents in the lists you have seen.

Finally, may I thank you for your annotated list. I am taking instructions on that. I should make it clear that the auditors are not looking for papers as such. They are trying to discover what happened and why and making suggestions for improvement. I am hoping that as a result of this, more documents will turn up. I will of course keep you fully informed.

Yours faithfully

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