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Date: Tuesday, 23 May 2000

Dear Sirs,

RE: HEPATITIS C LITIGATION

Thank you for your letter of 12th May 2000.

- (1) The Scottish Executive have asked if they may see the 1997 opinion which I neglected to discuss with you. Mrs Towers who is the divisional solicitor there wants to show both opinions to the Central Legal Office who act for the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service. In the light of your previous response, I anticipate you will agree but perhaps you will let me know whether you agree to both courses of action.
- (2) Dealing with the substance of your letter of 12th May, I apologise for not getting back to you before the 19th May hearing but it just did not prove possible.

Once we discovered documents were missing, we endeavoured to find duplicates. Charles Lister did some of the looking and he prepared a minute setting out the source of those documents. I can do no better than show you a copy of that. A copy is enclosed. The ticks are mine as I was working through the papers. The asterisk is there to highlight the fact that I needed to do something. I hope it is of assists answering the source of documents.

I enclose copies of items 34 and 35 on the supplemental list.

Yours sincerely

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