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Dear Sirs,

HEPATITIS C LITIGATION

Thank you for your letter dated 26th May 2000.

I have passed on the 1997 opinion to the Scottish Executive and told them that they can pass both opinions on to the Central Legal Office.

So far as item 34 is concerned, the list of documents was prepared in 1995 when the Department thought it would be a party to litigation. It was prepared by Dr Rejman who at the time was an officer in the Department. He was the medical advisor to those who had policy responsibility for blood and blood products. It was prepared from his own files and the registered files "GEB" volumes 1 to 14. The list has been supplied to Deas Mallen. It was supplied as part of the current discovery although it was disclosed to Deas Mallen in 1995.

As I mentioned to you when we last met, the Department's records are incomplete – some having been destroyed. The only records left are those which have been disclosed to you as part of this current exercise. There are not other documents.

Yours faithfully

GRO-C

MRS ANITA JAMES
HEAD OF LITIGATION