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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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The HIV virus started² to effect my life before
I even contracted it for over a year I was out
of work and ~~this~~ I am sure that publicity
through the media effected my applications
more than the normal ^{experienced by} ~~the~~ Haemophilics
~~have~~ firms either did not reply before or after
interviews. Finally I managed after 30-50
applications to find a job in local govt
although I am known to have Haemophilia ~~⇒~~
~~you realise~~ its very difficult hiding & lying
the fact about your own problem concerning
Aids; ~~something you have to do because of~~
~~ignorance, individuals & lack~~ that you carry
the virus which is the topic of conversation
most days, my pronunciation is effected by ~~that~~ of
~~notability~~ because I cannot move from dept
& distrust for fear of ~~finding~~ ^{having a} worse situation
As for ^{than I am now} family life its fine and we are
coping ^{very} well with ~~My wife~~ ^{My wife} ~~being~~ ^{is} one of the
few to know ^{about} ~~the virus~~ ^{the virus} we would dearly
love another child but its out of the question
At the moment we live in a Housing Assocat
& 2 bedroomed upstairs flat, no prospects
for a council house while we have 1 child
no prospects for a mortgage with the virus
what do you do? Anyway enough of my
life now to my main grumble: ~~is~~
why I got the virus?

I have received ~~Amour~~^{Amour} since I was sixteen and ^{admitted it to myself}
I believe the first cases of Aids in the U.S. ^{at the time}
were reported in 1982 here in 1987 we are
still not self sufficient ^{with the supply of factor eight}
Govt ^{is not seeing the danger looming over our heads, promises} to finish Earlstreet or not? ^{year}

On the 3rd ~~the~~ March 1985 I contracted thrush
in my nose while in hospital in August 1985
I was told that 10 tests had been done
without my ~~knowing~~ ^{the} first six ~~the~~ all had
were positive ^{with +} six were done without my knowledge
~~all positive~~ ^{all positive}. No advice on sexual safeguards
till Aug ⁸⁵ ~~word~~. While in hospital in ~~the~~ March
a ~~news~~ local newspaper article reports
that many Haemophiliacs in the Oxford region
have contracted the virus through non NHS
material. After being discharged ~~by~~ ^{I saw} ~~the~~ director who ^{of the unit} does not deny or
confirm the report or why I ^{had} ~~have~~ thrush only
to say I should have been aware of the present
situation i.e. safeguards far corner-but
I have always ignored my disability as
much as possible and got on with life
Should ^{have} cancelling or advice ^{been} ~~been~~ ^{planned}
before hand ^{to make us aware of the dangers of} ~~to~~ ^{decide whether to do without}
or ^{factor 8 enabling me to} ~~take the~~ ^{Pharmaceutical Company}
Now on ^{to} ~~Amour~~ ^{Amour} I believe their license
has finally been withdrawn. ~~it~~ ^{it}
As ~~As far as I know~~ ^{As far as I know} I have always been
on ~~Amour~~ ^{Amour} and first started on Heat
treated Material ^{at the end of December 1984}
But ~~caught the virus~~ But did I catch the

was before or after ⁴ the introduction of heat
treated material I cannot find out. ~~Why I ask~~
~~myself~~ ^{On} two occasions after Dec
1984 I had one letter to recall a batch and
then on the 6.10.86 a phone call at night
from the Unit to say could I return my
batches issued on the 27/07/86 Batch no's
which I have. ~~Obviously~~ Obviously I could
not return them as in the 3 month lapse
I had used all but two of the twenty

batches negligence by armour or not?
I ask myself? ^{has it happened before who contracted}
Another point ^{the virus by then after that} is that ^{Placation} Biological
^{there something wrong must be otherwise why the plan} our new supplier provide a leaflet with
a warning about HIV and a htd warranty,
not the case with Armour only a warning
about hepatitis ^{close}.

To sum up do you
think I have a case, what would be your
advice? I am ^{indebted} ^{who are} grateful to my unit
over the years excellent but I just feel
that someone either the Govt or Armour has
some responsibility ^{for what has happened to}
~~others in the past~~ ^{to do many others}
we ^{have} ~~had~~ battled ~~at~~ through life now to be
afflicted by something which ^{might} ~~could~~ have been
prevented. I know the experts say the %
percentage to contract Aids is low and that
we do not know just what the Antibody in
Haemophiliacs implies but we have it be it
dead, dangerous or alive and have to live with

and I believe because ⁵ of the examples ^{who} of
my own we should be compensated. I realise
~~my views may be bitter and sad~~ you may detect
bitterness but that's how it is to me and I would
appreciate ~~and~~ a 2nd opinion from the
society and a copy ~~of the~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~ ~~barometer~~
if available of your leading council opinion
I can't put my views to the media or ~~my~~
local MP because I have to work to live
Publicity would make me unable to continue
with work only if I was sure I could win
in a case would I fight openly