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cc: Dr Rejman
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ACVSB Meeting - Monday 6 November

1. Attached please find the Chairman's Brief, with a copy of the minutes of the last meeting, and the paper from John Purves (ACVSB4/1) which is to be tabled.

2. If you would like to have a pre-meeting on Monday morning (0930hrs?), Dr Rejman's office would be available. — John said it would be ok.

3. Should you need any further papers, please have your secretary let me know.

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CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE VIROLOGICAL SAFETY OF BLOOD MEETING
6 NOVEMBER 1989 - 1030 HRS - ROOM 67 HANNIBAL HOUSE

1. Chairman's opening remarks-

There is lunch arranged in the canteen at 1300hrs.

[Dr A M George has been replaced by Dr H Penhryn-Jones as observer for WO]

2. Apologies for absence -

Prof Zuckerman

Received from Drs Summerfield and Perry. An update will be given to you Monday morning.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 1989 (ACVSB 3/7)-

A copy is attached. These have been circulated, and no corrections received to date.

4. Matters arising from minutes not covered by the agenda

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5. Human growth hormone recipients-

✓ In view of the media interest at the time, it was thought that a press release should be produced to advise of the need for recipients of hGH to be excluded as donors or blood, in addition to tissue or organs. This was felt to be inadvisable, and a letter is about to be sent to the appropriate Colleges, DMOs and the UKBTS instead.

Dr Rejman may be called upon to give an update regarding this action and the study being undertaken by Prof Preece, and Dr Gunson will be able to give details of the action being taken by the NBTS.

6. EC Directive on Blood Products -

A copy of Dr Purves' paper (ACVSB 4/1) is attached. This will be tabled for members, and Dr Purves will wish to introduce it.

Dr Purves has informed us that Dr Lane's paper is not in line with the intention of the EC, and will wish to make further comment once Dr Lane has introduced the paper that he and Dr Perry wrote (ACVSB 4/2).

7. HTLVI -

Previous discussion did not result in a decision, because of the confusion in the US. Once Drs Gunson, Mortimer and Tedder have introduced their reports the Committee may be better placed to decide about the NBTS pilot study. If not you may wish to ask a member [? Dr Tedder] to keep a

watching brief, and let the Committee know when he feels that a decision could be made.

8. Non-A Non-B Hepatitis

Dr Gunson will wish to introduce reports on US visits, on the Rome meeting on Chiron testing (ACVSB 4/3) and the UKBTS survey of surrogate testing and Chiron screening.

Results of other UK Studies are given in the papers produced by from Dr Minor and SNBTS, and letters from Drs Tuddenham and Lane (ACVSB 4/4). It may be as well to initiate discussion of these as a group, without individual introductions.

The main issue for the Committee is whether the time is right to make a decision about adopting the Chiron test.

Dr Gunson has suggested that the next step would be a field study and he has approached the Dept for £25,000 to purchase tests for a field study. Research Management were not interested, as they felt that this was outside their remit, but Procurement Directorate are currently considering it, and are optimistic that they will be able to help. It is hoped to have a reply from them prior to the meeting. The Committee would be asked to give its support to the field study.

9. Any other business

You may wish to raise HIV2 testing. We understand from Dr Gunson that he is at present testing 2 combined HIV1 and HIV2 test kits, with another being tested by PHLS. The results are not expected until the end of November, but Dr Gunson may wish to report on developments so far.

10. Date of next meeting

You may wish to arrange a meeting for the end of January/beginning of February 1990.