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ANTI HTLV III AND AIDS

You will be wish to be aware of plans that Dr Gunson and RTD colleagues have made in conjunction with Dr Tyrrell to investigate a screening test for AIDS. This sounds extremely promising and in view of the past record of some of the participants with the RIA test for HbsAg we can be optimistic. The reference to CAMR possibly being involved in production of the antigen is significant.

Dr Gunson rightly draws attention to the extra resources which will be required by RTCs should routine screening for AIDS be introduced. At least we shall be spared the additional costs imposed by US rivals if this test gets off the ground. I should welcome any comments for our forthcoming discussion with Dr Gunson.

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