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Dear

We have been receiving much public and Parliamentary concern about the use of stocks of blood and blood components held in Regional Transfusion Centres and hospital blood banks which have not been tested for anti-HTLV III.

I am writing to ask if you would put in hand measures to test any remaining stocks which you have already supplied to blood banks or have in store wherever this is practicable.

I would be grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible what action you have taken so that Ministers can be assured that no untested blood or blood components are being given to patients.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Alison Smithies