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Dear Mr Collins

FACTORATE
ANTIHAEMOPHILIC FACTOR VIII
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We spoke on the telephone this afternoon and I am now writing to confirm the questions posed about the possible transmission of AIDS by Factorate.

1. What precautions are taken, with particular reference to the screening of blood donors, to exclude those subjects who might be capable of transmitting AIDS?
2. Do you have any reports, from anywhere in the world, of AIDS or an AIDS-like illness occurring in a patient who has received Factorate?
3. Do you have any reports of donors who have provided blood for the manufacture of Factorate, developing AIDS or an AIDS-like illness? If so, what action was taken to identify and deal with batches derived from such blood?

This information is required under Section 44 of the Medicines Act 1968. While it is appreciated that some of the answers will have to come from the United States, it must be emphasised that your early reply would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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