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Dear Mr Hince

BMJ LETTER ON "AIDS - THE AFRICAN CONNECTION?"

Following our telephone conversation on 25 March 1985 I confirm that, as agreed verbally with you, the DHSS reply to Dr Peter Jones' letter in the BMJ of 23 March 1985 will include a statement on the following lines:

"Information about the source of plasma is provided to the Licensing Authority under the Medicines Act in confidence by the companies concerned. I can, however, assure Dr Jones and others concerned with this issue that, on the basis of that information, we are satisfied that none of the plasma covered by current UK licences comes from areas where AIDS is known to be endemic".

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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