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May 6, 1985

Attention: Blood Bank Director or Hemophilia Treatment Coordinator

Dear Colleague:

We have recently been advised that one donor whose plasma had been incorporated into pools from which Antihemophilic Factor (Human) was prepared has developed acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). During the time period of plasma donation, the donor exhibited no indications of ill health, was on active military duty, and stated that he was not a member of any risk group associated with AIDS.

Units of plasma obtained from this donor were incorporated into pools from which several lots of FACTORATE Antihemophilic Factor (Human), Heat-Treated, were prepared. We are aware that the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee of the National Hemophilia Foundation has recently revised its recommendation regarding the withdrawal of product associated with an AIDS donor, stating that heat-treated material should not be withdrawn.

Armour Pharmaceutical Company agrees with this recommendation, and is not withdrawing these lots from distribution. We nevertheless believe that you should be informed regarding this situation. Our records indicate that your organization has received product from one or more of the below listed lots of FACTORATE Antihemophilic Factor (Human), Heat-Treated, produced during the early part of 1984:

<u>Lot Number</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
X59410	January 11, 1986
X64512	February 2, 1986
Y69402	April 5, 1986

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We wish to emphasize that these lots are not being withdrawn from distribution; the purpose of this letter is to inform you of the situation and to allow you to initiate any actions your organization may feel are necessary in patient treatment. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at our toll-free number, 1-800-431-1328.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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