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Dear Robert,

Further to our recent telephone conversation I am writing to update you on the current situation.

I have given you the batch numbers that were received by the patient prior to 1986, and then the batch that he received on the 27th January was Y83006C. Since that treatment with 600 units he has not received any further therapy. The HIV antibody tests that we have are as follows:- Sample on the 9th July 1985 showed the presence of no antibodies. A sample taken on the 29th April showed no antibodies, but he had become seropositive on the 16th June, was still seropositive when re-tested on the 29th July and a sample taken on the 26th September is also confirmed as seropositive.

We have traced the other patients' who have received batch Y83006C which we suspect may be involved in this boy's HIV seroconversion.

There were 16 boys already HIV antibody positive that received this batch, but there are three seronegative boys who also received the batch. We took samples from them at the beginning of this week and they were tested yesterday ie. the 2nd October 1986. At the moment these three boys are seronegative, but obviously we will repeat their tests at regular intervals to make sure that they remain seronegative. These boys have obviously received other treatments since that, but one of them has only received one other treatment with another batch and one of the other boys has only received two treatments, but on each occasion it was from a different batch. The third boy has received four other treatments from four separate batches. We are trying to arrange to get western blotting done on the samples and I will let you have the information in due course. The tests that are used by our Regional Virology Service Laboratory that does the HIV antibody tests are the Wellcozyme, Organon and Immunofluorescent techniques.

Yours sincerely

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