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Dr. M. McCarthy, M.B.,  
Medical Assessor,  
National Drugs Advisory Board,  
63-64 Adelaide Road,  
DUBLIN 2.

RE: FACTOR VIII CONCENTRATE.

Dear Dr. McCarthy,

I have your note regarding the above.

My practice in haemophilia is very small and, in fact, I have no patient in whom high potency Factor VIII concentrates are required. The products available from Pelican House are quite adequate for my needs.

In certain circumstances, more high potency products are available, and as these are not yet being produced in Ireland, we must go abroad for them. I feel that until such time as they are available as a locally produced product, for certain circumstances foreign preparations will be required. My own belief is that these preparations should have their use restricted to critical clinical situations, and they should not be used, as is often the case, for ordinary home care of patients with severe haemophilia. I share totally the implied concern in your note regarding the origins of such products. They do carry significant risk with them.

Yours sincerely,

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