



Date 20th May, 1985.
To Brian
From Walid
Subject Newcastle meeting

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Dear Brian,

During my meeting with Dr. Jones on Wednesday, 11th May, I was informed that Newcastle has suffered the death of another haemophiliac from AIDS. The total is now two deaths and another five to eight patients are suffering from pre-AIDS conditions.

The coroner at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle has decided on an inquest into the death. This means that in due course the media, including 'World in Action' are going to report the death.

I was also informed by Dr. Jones that a massive attack is being launched on commercial companies and the NHS. As far as Cutter is concerned, the main points that we should be aware of and have replies for are the following.

1. The polio vaccine problem.
2. The court case in the U.S.A. where a haemophiliac with AIDS is suing Cutter.
3. The source of plasma. In the past, Cutter have purchased plasma from South America and recently have obtained plasma from Alpha.

Dr. Jones believes that he has evidence to suggest that under no circumstances could the supply of Factor VIII Concentrate from American companies be wholly obtained from American plasma!!

It is important that Cutter is not caught unaware and that defensive measures should be taken accordingly.

The attack will be critical of the NHS and severe on the commercial companies. It appears, however, that the biggest "bombshell" will drop on Travenol.

I trust that appropriate measures will be taken to keep up the good name of Cutter.

GRO-C

f. Walid

