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RE: MINUTES OF MEETING 7/5/83

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1. Update on AIDS Cases.

Attached is copy of the updated AIDS caseload. While a number of different numbers relative to AIDS cases have been floating around recently, I believe we should concentrate on the attached numbers which appear to reflect official CDC position. Please note one additional Hemophiliac case in the 7/6 numbers, bringing the total to 14.

2. Review of Results of Meeting in Stockholm.

Tom Stagnaro reviewed the Stockholm meeting and copies of his report will be submitted to the AIDS Task Force. The proposal to industry for establishment of a WFH AIDS Communication Public Relations Center at Orthopedic Hospital was made. A copy of this proposal is attached. After discussion it was agreed that Alpha should support this proposal which would provide a facility on a worldwide basis to review information and provide public relations as it relates to the AIDS situation.

3. Marketing Impact Update.

It was confirmed that worldwide, the impact on AHF sales is between 25 and 33%. A more detailed report on marketing impact has been prepared by the marketing group and will be submitted to the AIDS Task Force. This report will cover an analysis of the first five months of 1983.

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4. Donor Screening Cervical Lymph Check.

Dave Gury raised concerns to the Task Force relative to the Lymph Node Screening which has begun in the Alpha Donor Centers. Concerns are the ability of both reception personnel and physicians to adequately screen and consistently screen for lymph nodes which may in fact be indicative of AIDS. Concern is also relative to the probable alarming aspects of donors concerning AIDS and creating a certain degree of anxiety among our donor population.

At this point, this issue will be explored from an industry standpoint. Please note that it appears that all of industry, at least as yet, has not adopted consistent screening practices in this area.

5. Plasma from Blood Banks - Screening Different.

It was noted that there is a distinction in screening between blood banks and plasma centers. The March 24 letter from the Office of Biologics to plasma centers recommends a lymph node check on donors at each donation while there is no such recommendation made for blood banks. Alpha acquires and continues to utilize plasma collected off from whole blood units collected in blood bags which is not subject to the same level of screening as plasma collected in a plasma pheresis establishment. This difference has and will continued to be explored on a Regulatory basis with the Office of Biologics.

6. Alpha AIDS Recall Position.

The Alpha AIDS Recall position was stated as basically Alpha will not either recall nor withhold distribution of product which has plasma from a donor who subsequently is diagnosed as having AIDS. This position is similar to position taken with Hepatitis donors.

7. Legal Liability as It Relates to AIDS.

Recommendation was made that ALPHA obtain additional outside opinions relative to the legal liability concerning final product and AIDS.

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8. Employee Communication - Bulletin Boards.

A communication to employees concerning AIDS and precautions in the work environment relative to AIDS has been posted by personnel on employee bulletin boards throughout the company.

9. Donor Center AIDS Reject Log.

A question concerning the desirability and feasibility of establishing an AIDS donor log was discussed. Such a log conceivably would contain the names of donors deferred by any Alpha donor center due to a issue relative to AIDS. Names to be added would be somehow transmitted from one center to another so that a master list would be kept up at each donor center. Concerns relative to the ability to transmit information and ensure if such a log exists that all prospective donors are screened against it were expressed. The recommendation was made to pursue the possibility of such a log on an industry basis with the Technical Committee of ABRA before implementation of such a log within Alpha centers.

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