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Dr. Lane  
Blood Products Laboratory  
Dagger Lane Elstree  
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Dear Doctor Lane:

It has come to our attention that the Blood Products Laboratory at Elstree is producing a diagnostic test for hepatitis. Abbott Laboratories is the owner of British Patents 1,414,480 and 1,497,327 directed to hepatitis detection methods. I am enclosing copies of those patents for your review.

The information that we have become aware of indicates that the method for detecting hepatitis practiced at the Blood Products Laboratory would infringe one or more claims of the above-identified patents.

We at Abbott have every confidence that the Blood Products Laboratory will uphold the long standing tradition of British Government Agencies for honoring and respecting patent property rights.

We would therefore like to ask you to give this matter careful consideration and let us have your views at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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