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London, S.E.1.

Dear Dr. Obank,

Haemophilia Centres in London.

Thank you for your letter of December 19th. The answers to your questions in respect of this Centre are as follows :

1. 89
2. 527
3. 5
4. I find it impossible to answer this question, owing to the imprecision of the word 'severe'. The severity of a bleeding episode obviously depends not only on the amount of blood lost from the circulation, but also on the anatomical site and the length of time which has elapsed between the onset of bleeding and the initiation of treatment. The great majority of incidents which we have treated here are haemarthroses or muscle bleeds following minor trauma or arising spontaneously, but some of these could certainly be classed as 'severe'. If the question is intended to refer to episodes of major accidental trauma, then our reply for the year in question is nil.
5. Nil this year
6. Nil
7. The answer to this question is covered by the joint memorandum from Dr. Dormandy, Dr. Ingram and myself, of which I enclose three copies. Please let me know if you require any further elaboration of this document before our meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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