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*agreed! let this out.*

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GRO-C *cpb*

Dear Mr Robertson

## HEPATITIS ADVISORY GROUP

Unfortunately I was unable to get to the last meeting of the Hepatitis Advisory Group in London, which was held on 18 June 1971, neither did I have access to the papers before I went on holiday.

I have now been through HAG(71)19 and would like to comment upon paragraph 12.5.

I feel that the Recommended Accommodation Requirements mentioned here will want further clarification, particularly so in view of the interest of doctors in planning departments of Regional Hospital Boards throughout the country. As you are probably aware, these matters were recently raised at a Doctors' Planning Meeting in the Department and the Chairman, Dr A B Harrington, indicated that a future meeting might well be devoted to the design of RDT units, together with isolation facilities required.

With regard to the accommodation, my recollection was that during some of the earlier discussions, members felt that a separate storage, Kil building and dismantling area should be provided in association with rooms set aside for isolation purposes; this is certainly the thinking over here and we will, I hope, be able to achieve this object in the foreseeable future.

It may be that this matter has already been dealt with following discussion of paper HAG(71)19 at the last meeting; if so please disregard the above comments.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

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