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Dr. C. Hay,
Senior Lecturer,
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Haematology,
Duncan Building,
RLUHT.

Dear Charles,

Re: William Murphy (deceased)
Hilary Avenue, Liverpool 14.

I thought I would write to let you know that Mr. Murphy's relatives came to see me for a general talk about his illness (you will remember that he was a haemophiliac with HCV infection and a terminal hepatoma). They had specific concerns about whether earlier referral for transplantation would have resulted in a better outcome and whether screening for hepatoma could have been helpful. I explained the difficulties in timing transplantation and that there had been a hepatological input from Professor Shields, before I got involved in mid-1994.

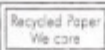
The other issue they wanted to raise with me was a general one. They have already written to Virginia Bottomly about the lack of compensation to haemophiliacs who contract HCV in contrast to that made for HIV. I think they are also trying to take this up through the Haemophilia Society. I did not feel qualified to comment on this aspect and did not know the background. However, I thought I should mention it in case they contact you. As they seem committed to these general issues, I made the point that the decision in timing of liver transplantation would have been very much easier had we a centre in Liverpool, and I think they have taken this on board.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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