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Dear Bob,

Factor VIII Deficient Substrate Plasma - Artificially Prepared

I think that you are probably aware of the further implication of the AIDS situation concerning the above. Until a couple of months ago, we supplied our own Centre and all the Regional Laboratories, as well as yourselves with Factor VIII deficient plasma from a zero per-cent haemophilic. As virtually all the haemophiliacs who were on our donor panel have received the possibly implicated batch (0090) of Factor VIII concentrate, we are now most reluctant to use this as a source any longer.

I would be very grateful if you could let me know formally if the PFC is in any position to supply our Regional needs. In actual fact you may well find it wise to stock-up enough for National supplies.

I am aware that the artificial substrate does have an element of donor plasma in it, but from a considerably less 'at risk' source. The bulk requirers in our Region are our own laboratory, the haematology laboratory and yourselves. The other haematology laboratories at the Western General Hospital, Bangour, etc require only small amounts.

When we were collecting it by plasmapheresis from patients, we usually found that 500mls of plasma every couple of months covered the Regional requirement.

I also understand that Chris Prowse is on the verge of sending you the ingredients enough to repair four litres of the artificial substrate next week.

Please let me know if there are any other points or problems I have forgotten.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

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F.E. Boulton  
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