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Dear Bob,

**Factor Concentrates from
Unscreening Donors**

Thank you for the letter of 16 February '87. As requested, the Canadian Red Cross Blood Services will now take discreet steps to withdraw any such product remaining in Canadian distribution. We will inform Canadian Bureau of Biologics that this is done at the request of the Society. I would expect all Centres to be formally notified by early March. They have already been approached to determine how much concentrate may be involved, and advised not to redistribute any that is returned.

It will be appreciated if you can inform members of the MSAC of this intention, ask them to cooperate with Centres in the withdrawal and also to try to avoid any undue alarm among their patients. We would especially appreciate being able to complete the process without attention in the media!

As I mentioned to you recently, our suppliers of AHF in 1987 will be Cutter and Connaught. The supplementary purchases from Cutter are guaranteed to come from anti-HIV negative plasma, and their heat-treated product has not been implicated in seroconversions: nor has any heat-treated product of Canadian origin. You may also wish to pass this information to your Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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