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Mr D McIntosh  
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Dear David

## UK HAEMOPHILIA CENTRE DIRECTORS : BPL/PFC SENIOR MANAGEMENT MEETING

You might give Elizabeth Mayne a ring. She was obviously very upset at the absence of yourself and Bob Perry last Friday and the fact that she had not received any messages of apologies. She clearly felt let down and in the circumstances, as new Chairman of the UK Haemophilia Directors and coming from Northern Ireland which is serviced by the SNBTS, I sensed the embarrassment was painful, particularly as Ron Wing and Richard Lane viewed the absences with some amusement - which I hasten to add did not appear to be shared by Bernard Crowley.

I too was embarrassed, for the meeting was a unique and important occasion. I had, after Bob Perry had phoned, made it plain that I believed it was vital that he was there.

There seemed to me to be two major discussions:

### (a) Whither HP-VIII?

I know not whether it was by chance but all the senior E/W Haemophilia Directors present (Rizza (Oxford), Jones (Newcastle), Preston (Sheffield), Hill (Birmingham)) gave notice of their anxieties about the putative problems of inhibitor prevalence associated with HP-VIII concentrate use. They were clearly pleased that 8Y isn't going to be scrapped but were concerned about its price.

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DOH!

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

We need to take up this issue again with our clinical team. Gordon Lowe was the only member of our team present.

(b) January 1992

Ron Wing announced that "the curious and cosy relationship between the SNBTS and the Scottish/Northern Ireland Haemophilia Directors" would become illegal in January 1992. I sensed he is working hard to ensure our no cross-charging status is eliminated by January 1992 and that when this is secure we will find BPL an aggressive competitor. I took these discussions very seriously but because of my previous published position, I was in some difficulty. I wished you had been there - we must take up this issue at the next meeting we have with Ron Wing and Bernard Crowley. Beyond this I think you should get to Brussels and speak to a man called Sauer.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

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John D Cash  
National Medical & Scientific Director

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Footnote:

1. Ron Wing is Vice-Chairman of an RHA. He is very firmly supportive of White Paper.
2. UK Haemophilia Directors intend to form a Paediatric Haemophilia Group to bring forward new proposals for prophylaxis.
3. Paediatricians want 250 i.u. vial (that is why Newcastle went to Profilate!).