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ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME

I refer to the draft PS minute you circulated on 17 September. As I said to you on the telephone, I am not entirely happy that a full distinction is drawn between "routine" testing by the BTS and what we in this Division have tended to refer to as the "diversionary" test for those in at risk categories. I suggest the following rewording for the first two sentences of your paragraph 6:-

"Meantime, it had become clear that it would be necessary to introduce routine screening of blood donors to avoid a spread of infection by this route, and this is to be done. However, it was recognised some false negatives). Health Boards have therefore been asked to set up arrangements for testing specimens from those who consider they maybe at risk for the presence of HTLV-III antibody. We hope"

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