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Miss Hudson,
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Dear Miss Hudson,

Re: Mr. GRO-A

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The above young man commenced nursing studies with you in the Childrens' Hospital during August/September 1972.

You may remember that he developed jaundice shortly after commencing his preliminary training. This proved to be due to the Australia antigen he probably became infected during the time Intravenous Factor VIII concentrate was given to him in May 1972, to cover his dental extractions. The hepatitis was of a mild nature but the liver enzymes remained abnormal for many months. This in itself was not alarming, but unfortunately his serum has remained positive for the Au antigen, which means that he is a potential hazard as a source of infection to other people.

In view of him undertaking nursing as his chosen career, expert advice regarding the handling of this problem was sought from two centres in St. Britain. On receipt of advice, Professor Nelson and I interviewed GRO-A and discussed his future employment etc. The consensus of opinion was that it would be inadvisable for GRO-A to continue nursing, as it was felt the risk of infecting seriously ill or immunosuppressed patients was sufficient to preclude him from practising nursing to the full potential.

GRO-A was disappointed, but when all aspects of the problem are taken into consideration, perhaps this setback is a blessing in disguise, as it is doubtful whether his disposition and haemophilia could have survived the discipline and hard work etc. Therefore I am writing to tell you that he will not be returning to the School of Nursing.

If there is any further query, perhaps you could get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely,

c.c. Dr. Campbell,
Home Office.
R.V.H.

Dr. E. E. Mayne,
Consultant Haematologist.