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Dear Professor Bloom,

Thank you for your letter of 10th March drawing our attention to the recent disturbing press reports concerning Factor VIII concentrate and enclosing a copy of a letter given to you by Dr. Savidge.

As I am sure you are aware one of the cornerstones of our philosophy for the licensing of 'biological' products is to have detailed knowledge of and control over early stages of manufacture and in-process control - this including source material. I am particularly delighted to have your clearly expressed support for this attitude.

With regard to Humanate and Speywood Laboratories Ltd I can say no more at this stage as the matter is being dealt with at the present time.

With regard to the Inter-Pharma matter all I need to say is, I think, that any licence which may be granted will have to satisfy the basic philosophy on all counts.

May I thank you again for reinforcing our concern in this matter at this time.

Yours sincerely,

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