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Dear Dr. Smith,

with reference to our discussion in Sheffield, I confirm my intention to treat 8-9 patients with severe von Willebrand disease with 50 U/Kg of 8Y concentrate, according to the protocol used in our paper published in the American Journal of Hematology (1987, 25: 55). Therefore, I would need as soon as possible approximately 50.000 units of the concentrate, from the same batch.

As I told you in Sheffield, "smuggling" is the simplest way to avoid the emotional reactions of the customs when they see the word plasma. Perhaps the material could be fetched to Italy in two different occasions, to avoid bulky bags. One possible smuggler is Dr. Paul Giangrande, who commutes to and from London relatively frequently. The other is my associate Dr. A. Gringeri, who will visit London on November 7-8 for a meeting in London. My proposal is that you ask on my behalf Peter Kernoff to store the material in his cold room; and that Gringeri and /or Giangrande or anybody else pick it up from the Royal Free at the time of their visits in London. In this way, all the material should hopefully reach us within Christmas. I also realize that I shall see you soon in Groningen. Could we start the smuggling with an amount that is feasible both for you and for me?

Looking forward to hearing from you and thanking you in advance,

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