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Dear Dr. Kraske:

It was a pleasure to talk with you by telephone last week regarding our U.S. cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) among Hemophilia - A patients. Your letter of October 4, 1982, reflecting your awareness of my earlier conversation with Dr. Kernoff, provided valuable insight into the Hepatitis Surveillance System through the Oxford Hemophilia Center at the Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford. Please feel free to share this letter with Dr. Rizza.

We are increasingly concerned that involvement of U.S. Hemophilia - A patients with AIDS is based on (infected) plasma donorship by certain U.S. residents who may have been experiencing subclinical or prodromal stages of AIDS illness, but unaware of this state. However, we have no evidence as yet to indicate association among the 8 U.S. hemophilia AIDS cases through common exposure to a Brand or lot.

A national surveillance form has been developed to assess the true magnitude of the problem in the U.S. This survey is about to commence. Enclosed is a sample set of these forms. If additional copies would be useful to you please contact me. A similar set of sample forms is being sent to Gordon Jessamine, M.D., Epidemiology Section, Laboratory Center for Disease Control, Ottawa, with whom we will be sharing information. The commercial Factor VIII concentrates under scrutiny are also distributed throughout parts of Canada.

Best Wishes.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures