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Your reference
Our reference

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11 July 1985

Dear Richard

CASH LIMIT 1985/6: HTLV3 TESTING

You will have seen Dr Whitehead's letters of 22 May and 4 June to Dr Harris. You will also have seen the Minister of Health's statement of 27 June.

I am now writing to formally notify you of the adjustment of the Board's cash limit for 1985/6 to reflect the obligations taken on board in respect of HTLV3 testing.

CAPITAL

We agree your request for capital to equip and modify 6 laboratories to carry out confirmatory tests viz: Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford and Bristol, at an estimated cost of £50,000 per laboratory. In addition, we accept your request for a further £75,000 to modify laboratories providing first line screening tests.

Your capital cash limit is hereby increased by £375,000 to £3.785million.

REVENUE

I note that the full year costs of HTLV3 testing work (and consequences for CDSC, VRL and DMRQC) are estimated to be £733,000. Testing is unlikely to start before October. It is therefore proposed to increase your revenue cash limit provisionally by up to £367,000 in 1985/6. We can adjust your revenue cash limit formally when we are better informed about the incidence of expenditure in the year. Perhaps you can let us have further details in due course.

I enclose copies of this letter for the Director and Treasurer.

Yours

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copy to: Dr E Harris ✓
Mr D Harris ✓
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