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**HIV HAEMOPHILIA LITIGATION - SECOND PRELIMINARY EXPERT WITNESS
REPORT - DR R WILLIAMS - HEPATITIS**

1. I enclose a copy of the second preliminary report from Dr Williams.
2. He has considered most of the points that were discussed with Counsel at our meeting with him, and I enclose a brief summary of that meeting for your information.
3. As regards the report I believe there are a couple of inaccuracies. At the bottom of page 1 top of page 2 I believe Dr Williams has incorrectly interpreted the enclosed paper by Drs Lee and Kernoff, bottom of page 416 top page 417. I believe that paper suggests that conventional dry heating was largely effective against HIV but not so against hepatitis.
4. I believe that at the bottom of page 3 the penultimate line should state for Factor VIII rather than for Factor IX.
5. As regards the paper by Drs Lee and Kernoff, on page 417 the suggestion that monoclonal immuno absorption carries a very high margin of safety has now been shown to be incorrect and monoclonal products now have to include a heating component otherwise they may well transmit NANB hepatitis. You may also wish to be aware that recently a commercial Factor IX concentrate has transmitted HIV. I am not aware of the exact details of the viral inactivation process used.

6. I am sure that you will welcome comments from copy recipients on this second report.

7. When Counsel has had an opportunity to read this report, perhaps I could be informed as to what the next stage is to be. Are we to have a second meeting with Dr Williams, or do we then ask him to merge aspects of his two reports in an acceptable format for a final report.

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