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*Mr Arthur*

*Can we discuss please.*

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Dear Mr Harris

## Supply of Plasma to the Blood Products Laboratory

I wrote to Mr Parker on 11 October 1984 setting out various measures we were taking to increase our production of plasma. We are now giving immediate attention to expanding existing facilities at the Regional Transfusion Centre and require further information on production targets beyond 1986/87 and on any revision of targets already issued following recent proposals for the heat treatment of plasma. Mr Fursdon, from this Authority, has discussed these points with Dr Smithies and Mr Arthur and I am writing to confirm our understanding of the situation as described by your colleagues, namely:

1. Before the question of heat treatment arose, it was envisaged that if the targets set for 1986/87 were met, self-sufficiency would have been achieved nationally and no further increases in targets would be likely.
2. Heat treatment would be unlikely to result in a loss of product greater than 15%. A final decision on the use of heat treatment and a more accurate assessment of losses in plasma will not be made for several months. Meanwhile, we should proceed with arrangements to increase production without waiting for a decision on heat treatment.

We are proceeding on this basis and to be on the safe side, shall allow for the need to compensate for a maximum loss of 20% arising from heat treatment.

Yours sincerely

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Regional General Manager

*Mr Williams*

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