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I have passed on your letter to Dr. A.C. Newland as he can provide the information you have requested on albumin, plasma protein and immunoglobulin.

23rd March, 1984

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Yours sincerely,

Miss A. Paterson,  
District Supplies Officer,  
The London Hospital (W).

Imported Blood Products

B.T. COVAIN, M.R.C.P., M.R.C.Path.,  
Senior Lecturer in Haematology.

Dear Miss Paterson,

Thank you for your request for information.

1. The NHS is entirely self sufficient in factor IX and we do not purchase this concentrate from abroad.
2. We have never used Autoplex in this hospital.
3. We have only used FEIBA on one occasion on 9-10 June 1982 when we used 23,000 units to treat a patient with a factor VIII inhibitor.
4. Our use of imported factor VIII is entirely dependant on the supplies of NHS material. Our usage over the last few years has been

	1981	1982	1983
Hyland	5,500	230,000	4,000
Armour	81,500	-	3,500
Cutter	-	-	185,000
Immuno	590,000	560,000	196,000
	<u>677,000</u>	<u>790,000</u>	<u>388,500</u>

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Almouy	81,500	-	3,500
Cutter	-	-	182,000
Immuno	290,000	260,000	196,000
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