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Mr. A.W. Haggart,  
District Treasurer,  
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Your ref: AWH/DR/4976

Our ref: BTC/JDH

Dear Mr. Haggart,

Thank you for your letter of 22nd January and the copy of your correspondence with Mr. Marriott and Mr. Knight.

As I indicated in a previous letter we have reasonable supplies of non heat treated National Health Service concentrate at the moment which should last us for another two or three months. As noted in Mr. Knight's letter we will then have to buy commercial heat treated concentrate unless, by that time, heat treated National Health Service concentrate has begun to become available. I think that the estimate that heat treatment will reduce the yield of factor VIII from plasma by about 20% may be marginally pessimistic but it is a figure that I am prepared to accept.

Over the past three or four months our supply of National Health Service concentrate has substantially exceeded demand and at least in theory supplies of plasma should be building up at Brentwood while they are waiting for the heat treatment plant to be installed. As production builds up again then as long as the supply of plasma for processing at Elstree is maintained or slightly increased we should still be able to manage within our usual allocation. If we do need to buy concentrate commercially because of a serious accident or unforeseen need for surgery then I appreciate that the commercial material will be more expensive by a factor of about 50%.

What I have tried to do is to give you a realistic estimate of my likely demand in the immediate future, hence my request for an extra £50,000. As you probably realized I thought the £1,000,000 estimate from The Free was a little unrealistic and is far in excess of anything we have ever required here. Perhaps in view of the comments made in Mr. Knight's letter we ought to budget for a 30% increase in our commercial concentrate budget for 1985/86, overall, partly to take into account the potential shortfall of National Health Service material and partly to allow for the increase in price for the heat treated commercial concentrate.

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I do apologise for the difficulty I have in estimating our requirements but I do not really want to give you an absurd figure. I am sure you realize that only one patient with a very serious problem can make all our assessments incorrect. If you would like me to come and see you again about this difficult problem I would be very happy to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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