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TO: A BESSLER
FROM: C R BISHOP
RE: AIDS SCREENING DATA
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FURTHER TO THE TELEX'S ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT, CULMINATING IN MINE OF 29.7., WILL TARBIT OF OUR REGULATORY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY VISITED THE DHSS AND HE HAS ASCERTAINED THAT THEY WILL ALLOW US TO DISPOSE OF FACTORATE MANUFACTURED FROM PLASMA COLLECTED PRIOR TO MARCH 23RD IN THE U.K.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE DHSS CALLED A MEETING, PRESUMABLY OF HAEMOPHILIA CENTRE DIRECTORS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN WHO ATTENDED THIS MEETING APART FROM PROFESSOR A BLOOM. AT THIS MEETING, IT WAS DECIDED BY A SMALL MAJORITY TO ALLOW SUPPLIERS OF AHF CONCENTRATES TO DISPOSE OF STOCKS MANUFACTURED FROM PLASMA COLLECTED PRIOR TO THE FOA MEMORANDUM OF THE 23.3.

IT WAS ALSO INDICATED THAT THE DHSS WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORING THE DISPOSAL OF 'SUCH PRODUCT'. IT IS THEREFORE CLEARLY VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE ENDEAVOUR TO DISPOSE OF 'SUCH PRODUCT' AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DURING THIS TIME, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE FULL DETAILS, AS REQUESTED BY YOU, OF THE DATES PLASMA WAS COLLECTED FOR EACH OF THE BATCHES SO THAT WE ARE IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY EITHER THE DHSS OR CUSTOMERS WITH ANY INFORMATION REQUESTED.

THE DHSS ALSO RECOMMENDED TO WILL TARBIT THAT WE MAKE A FIRM ANNOUNCEMENT TO HAEMOPHILIA CENTRES, REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES AND THE DHSS AS SOON AS WE ARE ABLE, THAT WE ARE SUPPLYING PRODUCT MANUFACTURED FROM PLASMA COLLECTED AFTER THE 23.3. THIS ADVICE HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO OTHER MANUFACTURERS AND CLEARLY IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE CONFIDENCE OF THE USERS AND PATIENTS.

YOUR EARLIEST CLARIFICATION OF THE DATA REQUESTED IS ESSENTIAL AND WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED HELP.

REGARDS,

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