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Dear Harold,

Meeting of the NBTS Working Party on Post Transfusion  
Hepatitis, 27th September, 1982

I recently had an opportunity of reviewing the proposed functions of this Working Party with Dr. Davies and Dr. John Barbara of the North London Blood Transfusion Centre, Edgware. We are proposing that the name of the Working Party be changed to read - U.K. Working Party on Transfusion Associated Diseases. This would allow discussions of problems which might arise from time to time such as cytomegalovirus infections transmitted by transfusion of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), the epidemiology of which might have implications for blood transfusion practice.

The terms of reference can be as follows:-

- 1) To promote the investigation of the epidemiology of transfusion associated diseases and to promote research into the methods of prevention.
- 2) To make recommendations to the <sup>UK Blood</sup> ~~Regional Transfusion Directors of England and Wales, and the Director of the Scottish Blood Transfusion Service,~~ regarding the procedures and screening tests necessary for the prevention of transfusion associated diseases.

While agreeing that the production of hepatitis B immunoglobulin (HBIG) needs standardizing throughout the Transfusion Service, we consider it might be more appropriate if these problems were dealt with by another committee or working party organised by the U.K. NBTS Directors. If immunoglobulin were included in the present body it might become too large and the function be diffused, which might decrease the efficiency of the group.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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