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Dear Dr. McClelland,

Thank you very much for your letter concerning our post transfusion hepatitis study. We are naturally anxious to look for possible serological markers for non A non B in our specimens and we have of course got sera saved at minus 30°C for this purpose from all our patients. I have been in touch with Dr. Howard Thomas at the Royal Free Hospital about examination for non A non B antigen and antibody examination using his system and he has expressed himself willing and anxious to carry out these investigations on our sera. At present, since there is only a limited quantity of serum from each patient and we are not anxious to defrost and then refreeze the sera on too many occasions we have not released the sera since there are so many other candidate non A non B marker systems that we feel it would be sad to miss the opportunity which our present store of serum represents.

I believe that Howard Thomas is in collaboration with your working party and we would certainly be prepared to release our serum for tests either by Dr. Thomas or for any other system which after careful consideration you and your working party feels it is worth testing. We are currently finishing a short paper to be submitted to the British Medical Journal within the next two or three weeks and I will send you a pre-print of this paper in case it is of some use to your working party.

As you probably know Dr. Ann Collins the Northern Regional Blood Transfusion Service Director has collaborated with our work and I am sure that she too would be able to give you any further details of the study should it prove useful to you and your colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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O.F.W. JAMES,
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P.S.: You might be amused to know that my consultant colleague on our gastro unit is Dr. Richard Lendrum who actually carried out the first MRC post transfusion study at Central Middlesex Hospital in 1972 - 1974.

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