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Dear Dr Gunson,

Dr Rashbass has passed to me your letter of 13 October requesting access to the serum samples collected for the MRC 1974 prospective hepatitis study. I have, unsuccessfully, tried to contact you by telephone to discuss this request and as I am away for the next two weeks I thought it would be best if I wrote to you about the points I wanted to raise.

1. In view of your obvious interest you are no doubt aware of the centre holding these samples at present and I would appreciate your guidance on who to approach and the details of your request. I am afraid that as you may suspect I am new to this patch and not fully acquainted with the background to the hepatitis study.

2. I am sure that the holding centre would - assuming the samples are still available - wish to know exactly who the samples would be sent to, how much would be required, the details of those involved in the study and an outline of the proposed study.

3. It would also be helpful to know whether it is the BTD Working Party who would supervise the proposed study or whether it was simply work to be done by some individuals on the Working Party.

If you are able to wait until I return on 15 November I will try and telephone you again to discuss this but should you want to take this up more urgently then please do not hesitate to telephone my Executive Officer - Miss Anna Escott - and let her have the details concerning the samples in order that the appropriate action can be taken.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

Keith Gibson



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