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Mr. N. Pettit,
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Dear Norman,

Re: Supplies of Non-Treated B.P.L. Factor VIII Concentrate

It has now been decided in this region that all commercial Factor VIII concentrate to be used from the present time will be heat-treated. However, it is not yet clear whether we will be able to maintain a haemophilic therapy on heat-treated material since it will depend upon the number of emergencies that are admitted between now and the 1st April. Routine non-urgent surgery on haemophilic patients has been postponed until supplies of heat-treated material become more readily available.

I have reviewed the stocks of B.P.L.'s untreated material presently held in the Centre and I would not like to add to this to a degree that will incur wastage, since in the future when your material all becomes heat-treated there will be a reluctance to use any other product. I should, therefore, like to cancel the allocation of untreated material that you were proposing to issue to us in the months of January, February and March. We will, of course, be very pleased to receive that proportion of our allocation which you would, during these months, have sent us in the form of heat-treated material. If we get into difficulties during the next 2½ months, however, I hope it will be possible for me to contact you and arrange for an ad hoc delivery, but it is hoped that we will be able to manage with the policy given above.

As you can imagine with the suspension of surgery, there will be a build-up following April and I think that we will be able to receive the number of bottles which you would then allocate to us subsequent to the availability of heat-treated material following 1st April, 1985. I recognise, of course, that this will not be the same number of units due to losses during heating.

I hope these arrangements are satisfactory to you.

Yours sincerely,

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c.c. Dr. R.S. Lane

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