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Dr.J.A.F.Napier,  
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Dear Dr.Napier,

Advice of Transfusion Incident  
and Product Recall Notice : PFC 795

I have been informed by Dr.John Craske (advisor to Haemophilia Centre Directors on hepatitis and AIDS matters) that two batches of NHS factor VIII concentrate are uniquely implicated in symptomatic HTLV-III infection in a haemophiliac. 140 vials from one of these batches, PFC batch 795, were despatched to you on 19th September, 1984 as part of your allocation for that month.

I would be grateful if you would advise the directors of haemophilia centres to whom these batches were supplied of the need to follow up patients treated with the concentrates. Dr.Craske will advise on a suitable protocol for follow-up. In order to exclude the possibility that vials from these batches remain unused I would be grateful if you would secure an inventory of use of the product; unused vials from any of the batches should be returned to BPL addressed for my attention.

I apologise for having to involve you in a considerable amount of work but I am sure you will appreciate the requirement.

Yours sincerely,

(dictated by Dr.Snape but  
signed in his absence)

T.J.SNAPE  
Head of Quality Control  
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