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21st September, 1976.

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Dear Dr. Biggs,

Antihaemophilic globulin concentrate

The ad hoc Expert Committee on the Treatment of Haemophilia and the Regional Transfusion Directors Meeting agreed earlier this year that concentrate prepared at BPL should be distributed in proportion to the number of haemophiliacs known to have been treated.

The latest figures of patients treated are those for 1974 prepared by you from information submitted by Haemophilia Centre Directors, copies of which I understand were distributed to haemophilia centre directors by Oxford.

The amount of concentrate being prepared at BPL is about 50 per cent of the expected maximum production of 50,000 bottles, each containing about 250 iu factor VIII. It is expected that production should reach about 70-80 per cent of target by the end of 1976 and 100 per cent by autumn 1977, assuming that the necessary plasma is received and that no unexpected difficulties occur.

Set out below are the quantities of concentrate to be allocated monthly to the regional transfusion centres in the region served by your Haemophilia Reference Centre. These figures are based upon the number of haemophiliacs undergoing treatment in 1974 reported by haemophilia centres and a production rate at BPL of about 50 per cent of target. The amount distributed will be increased proportionally as production grows.

RTC Wessex	:	220 bottles
RTC Bristol	:	70 bottles
RTC Birmingham	:	200 bottles
RTC Belfast	:	60 bottles

It is suggested that this information should be discussed with the Regional Transfusion Directors concerned, to whom this letter has also been sent. Would you then please let me know if any adjustments, within the total, should be made in the amounts sent to the regional transfusion centres concerned in the region served by your Haemophilia Reference Centre.

c.c. Dr. D.S. Smith, Dr. G.H. Tovey, Dr. H.H. Gunson, Dr. G.W.G. Bird,
Col. T.E. Field, Professor M.G. Nelson, Dr. E. Bidwell.

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In the case of the Oxford Haemophilia Centre and RTC Oxford, it has been assumed that all the concentrate prepared by Plasma Fractionation Laboratory Oxford will continue to be used in the Oxford Haemophilia Centre since the amount of concentrate concerned is in good agreement with that calculated on the basis of numbers of patients treated. Should the disparity become great, distribution of some of the concentrate prepared at PF Lab to other haemophilia centres would have to be considered.

Yours sincerely,

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W. d'A. Maycock.