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Meeting With Mr. J.C. Watt - P.F.C. Edinburgh

The main purpose of my visit to the Edinburgh P.F.C. was the further development of the Tear-Down transfer pack. However, the opportunity was taken to have dinner with John who has been closely involved with DHSS/Government discussions regarding recent AIDS publicity.

John stated that the AIDS problem, in his opinion, was a minor one built up out of all proportion by recent publicity.

No change would be expected to the level of imported F.VIII following meetings over the past two weeks with the most prominent U.K. Haemophilia directors.

The Government was now sensitive to criticism on self-sufficiency, recent AIDS publicity will ensure rapid funding available for the Elistree upgrading project.

John envisages major problems with the Elistree design and following a request from the Medicines Inspectorate to review the project, he concluded that if a commercial concern were to adopt the proposed design, it would not receive a licence to manufacture. The individual inspector who will be responsible for Elistree is in agreement with Watt's views. However, in view of the present level of urgency to increase capacity, the inherent problems with design will probably be ignored. Also, members of the original design team were still in senior positions within the Health Service and the particular inspector is at a loss to decide which course of action he should take. John believes the project will proceed and the faults discovered on completion.

Further discussion centred on the Scottish scene, with the news that a proposal was under consideration to further increase capacity at the Liberton plant. John stated that his plant had produced 15 million I.U. of F.VIII in 1982 with a further 5 million units being produced at Transfusion Centres as cryo-precipitate.

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