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Dear Bill,

At the meeting held in Oxford of Haemophilia Centre Directors, Transfusion Directors etc. for the Territory attached in the Oxford Centre I have a record of minutes (written by me) in which I allege that you said: That you "had a target of 15 million units of factor VIII per annum. This would include both cryoprecitate and NHS intermediate potency factor VIII". There then ensued a discussion about the discrepancy between 15 million and 40 million units per annum.

I now suspect that this record represents some sort of misunderstanding. I think this must be the case since our record of material used at the haemophilia centres in 1974 included 17 million units of NHS factor VIII. This total included more than 14 million units of cryo on the assumption of 70 units of factor VIII per donation. Even if this estimate for cryo down graded to an assumption of 50 u/donation the total is nearly 14 million units of NHS factor VIII used at the centres in 1974. Since 1975 and 1976 are bound to show a substantial increase I do not think that you can have a "target" figure of 15 million units for 1977. What I think you must have meant (or said) was that 15 million units was a target for freeze dried intermediate potency NHS factor VIII.

I wonder what you think? I feel that it is important to get this issue clear in time for the meeting in Sheffield.

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