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Dear Richard,

I believe that there are considerable difficulties in effecting alterations to a Ministerial Policy Statement and hence that some of the anxieties which have been expressed at meetings of the Scientific and Technical Committee for the Central Laboratories of the NBTS could more readily be allayed by the adoption in the minutes of a suitable resolution and also, possibly, by the attendance at a meeting of the Committee of the Chairman of the Joint Management Committee who could hear at first-hand the concerns which have been expressed at our meetings and who could also, I think, enlarge on Ministerial intent.

The minute could possibly be in terms such as this:-

"The Committee notes the reply from Ministers and recognises the impossibility of bringing the Blood Products Laboratories up to the defined standards immediately.

It therefore endorses the expressed intent to upgrade the facilities and repeats its advice that the requirements of the Medicines Division should be accepted as the ultimate target."

I believe that such a minute would be acceptable to the Civil Servants involved and would make the position of the Members of the Committee unequivocal.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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