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Dear Geoffrey,

Following the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Group, may I state my objection to what appeared as the incomplete circulation of Dr. Cash's paper on the Scottish Haemophilia experience prior to the meeting where discussion of this document was an agenda item. I do not know whether this was intentional, but it largely offsets any useful contribution that can be made from BPL. Would you be prepared to provide me with a copy of your document so that we can examine this, in particular with regard to factor VIII yields and related plasma supplies to PFC. I am sure that one must maintain in perspective projected views on factor VIII yield in a process generating 1.9M units of factor VIII per annum (considerably less than made at PFL Oxford in the same year). However, because this matter is so important, BPL, PFL and PFC are going to arrange a discussion day at Elstree during April when papers will be presented on a wide range of issues currently under discussion with factor VIII production, and I wonder whether you would like to attend this meeting since yield etc. is bound to receive detailed attention.

Equally, concerning the factor VIII meeting at BPL, certain of my staff have suggested that if we are going to talk about freeze dried factor VIII as cryoprecipitate, it might be worth asking Haemophilia Reference Centre directors to attend as observers perhaps, inviting their views on this product in a discussion period at the end of the meeting. I have not issued invitations since this could pre-empt discussions which you wish to have with directors through the ad hoc group, but I would like your views. I wonder whether Haemophilia Directors understand the relevance of the different production methods for intermediate concentrate as opposed to freeze-dried cryoprecipitate, as they have a bearing on the quality assurance of the end product: this might influence their decision and choice of product.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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