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17th January, 1983.

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Dear Bill,

187th Regional Transfusion Directors Meeting  
14th January, 1983.

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I would just like to make a final comment on the outcome of the Blood Preservation Working Party taken under Section 9 of this meeting.

I would like to express my thanks for being allowed to include Norman Pettet in the meeting to augment the case for BPL.

I cannot disguise my concern about the content of the minutes of the Blood Preservation Working Party as they were circulated at the RTD meeting. From comments of Directors at the meeting, it is evident that the various criticisms of BPL were unfounded in all respects and I am asking that the minutes of the RTD meeting reflect these points with complete clarity. I will not reiterate the arguments except to say that all the data support the considerable effort being made at BPL at all levels to provide the best service possible to NBTS.

It is unfortunate that the minutes of the Blood Preservation Working Party contain material which is only part-founded on fact but more particularly is tantamount to subjective hot air. Had the members of the meeting taken sufficient trouble to study the regular supplies of pro-rata data reaching them at monthly intervals, they would know their comments to be unfounded. What is of more concern to me is the apparent willingness to dissent to destructive gossip at a time when liaison and working relationships between Managers in the NBTS should be at a high level. There is no doubt that the advent on site at Elstree this year of construction of the new BPL will place the whole of the Transfusion Service under some stress to provide plasma or to put BPL in a position where it must import plasma. I see my role to be constructive and to be of full assistance wherever possible in these matters. I would like to think that other Directors shared these feelings.

Yours sincerely,

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