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Dear Mr Finnie

About 10 days ago I sent you a copy of the submission to Ministers about the future of the Blood Products Laboratory, Elstree. You will be interested to know that Ministers have now commented and they consider that:-

- i. the Blood Products Laboratory should continue to function until it can be replaced, on the basis of short-term up-grading, accepting that this will fall short of the up-grading recommended by Medicines Division.
- ii. there should be further exploration of the possibilities of rebuilding either within the NHS or in collaboration with industry.

No announcements to this effect have yet been made and I should be grateful therefore if, for the time being, you could treat the information as confidential.

Yours sincerely

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