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Dear David

NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

When we spoke on the telephone on 3 October you confirmed that our respective Assistant Secretaries had been in touch in recent months on the question of the new Advisory Committee on the NBTS and had also discussed the question of re-developing the Blood Products Laboratory.

I enclose for your information the paper we prepared for Regional Administrators giving the terms of reference of the Committee together with a list of members. Your Department will be invited to the meeting as an observer along with SHHD, possibly DHSS Northern Ireland and, of course, this Department.

On the question of re-developing BPL in conjunction with industry, as I explained on the telephone we have had informal discussions with Beecham Pharmaceuticals. We have prepared the attached draft submission to Ministers which you may find useful although its content may have to be amended substantially in the light of further discussions with Beecham this week.

Both of these developments will require us to work fairly closely in the coming months and I will do my best to ensure that you are kept up-to-date in those areas where DHSS is taking the lead.

Yours sincerely

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