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Dear Dr. d'A. Maycock,

Thank you for your letter. I will approach Dr. Ellis direct and let him have details of the Minutes of the first full meeting of the Hepatitis Working Party, which was held in December, in due course.

With regard to the question of Factor VIII supplied to the Treloar Haemophilia Centre at Alton, I have contacted Peter Kirk and he will have a word with Dr. Aronstam, who is the present Director, and will let you, or Dr. Ellis, know their conclusions regarding the NHS Factor VIII supplied to them, and whether there was any snags. I hope this will enable us to sort out any remaining snags and that we can start this project in a couple of months.

You may be interested to know that I am having discussions with the Medicines Commission and Sheila Waiter at the DHSS, with a view to getting a research grant to study the incidence of hepatitis associated with all brands of Factor VIII over the next three years, in much the same manner as we have done with Hemofil. We hope also to look up the incidence of chronic sequelae in patients who received the heavily contaminated batches of Hemofil in 1974/75, and other associated problems. If you have any views or ideas as to what information you would like to obtain from such a study, perhaps you will let me know, as I hope to put in a formal application to the DHSS at the end of February.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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