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Dear Dr. Jones,

In answer to your letter of 9th November, pool size for the manufacture of factor VIII is variable and dependent upon several different factors. Within our laboratories, it may vary between 100 and 600 kg. As you will appreciate, in comparison with commercial pool size, which may be upwards of 3,000 kg, these are relatively small.

The relevance of pool size to the management of severe haemophiliacs requiring constant replacement is a problem which affords me continuous intellectual pleasure, particularly when many haemophiliacs are treated in a somewhat abandoned manner with several different products of assorted origins. I would be interested to know what has stimulated your concern in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

R. S. LANE.