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Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Technical Committee of  
the Blood Transfusion Service on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1949.

7. PLASMA FRACTIONATION:

The Committee considered a note on Plasma Fractionation which had been previously circulated. It had been agreed in principle at earlier meetings that plant should be installed for work on Plasma Fractionation in the new Southeastern Regional Centre now under construction. Dr. Cumming reported on a visit he had paid to the Lister Institute and on his discussions there with Dr. Kekwick and others. It appeared that the work in the country was still largely experimental and that the plant at the Lister Institute was being modified in the light of experience. Design and installation of equipment required the personal supervision of the technician responsible for its subsequent operation. After installation, production required the close personal supervision of a highly qualified biochemist who would require to be of Ph.D. standard with at least 4-5 years post-graduate experience in protein chemistry or allied work. It might not be easy to find someone with the necessary qualifications and experience. The biochemist would require to be appointed in time to study the requirements for equipment and to supervise its design and installation. The Lister Institute could not fulfil all the demands made on it. Dr. Kekwick had expressed great interest in the proposal and had offered all possible advice and assistance. Dr. C. P. Stewart supported Dr. Cumming's statement.

In discussion, it was agreed that there was a national need for the products of plasma fractionation particularly in surgery. There was no question that the demand was great and would grow when supply was possible. It would be necessary to offer a salary appropriate to the qualifications required. Dr. Cumming confirmed that accommodation was available in the new centre.

The Committee agreed that development was essential and that a memorandum should be prepared for submission to the Department of Health setting out the case for development and the outline requirements in staff and equipment. It was remitted to Dr. Cumming, Dr. C. P. Stewart and Dr. Wallace to prepare the memorandum.