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Dear Mr. Guthrie,

Thank you for your letter about the application for research support for projects at the Lord Mayor Treloar College at Alton. In my opinion the research already carried out at Alton has been of very great importance. The careful records kept by Dr. Rainsford about the boys at Alton has been a great help in trying to estimate the requirements of the haemophilic community for factor VIII, which is a very expensive therapeutic material (Appendix I A). The projects proposed by Dr. Rainsford are all in the first degree original and important. I have a very high regard for Dr. Rainsford's ability in planning and carrying out his projects. In all the research work very close cooperation has occurred between the Oxford Haemophilia Centre and those at Alton, and in some projects advice has been taken from the Haemophilia Centre Directors Conference.

In my opinion it is of the highest importance for research to carry on at Alton. The close cooperation between those working at the College and the Research Centre at Oxford is important and I believe certain to continue beyond Dr. Rainsford's tenure of the post. The work proposed is likely greatly to improve our knowledge of the distressing crippling caused by haemophilia. I am particularly impressed by the joint project with experts in rheumatoid arthritis (Appendix II).

I have no hesitation in supporting the application in full, particularly as I now believe that truly satisfactory arrangements are likely to be made for the day-to-day care of the boys at the College (particulars of application p.1, section d). I approve both the plan to extend Dr. Rainsford's tenure until 1975 and the plan to seek a new Research Fellow for 1976 and 1977.

Yours sincerely,

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