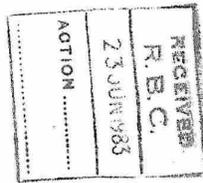


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THE FOLLOWING IS IN RESPONSE TO YR TLX OF 6/20/83

1. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL INDICATES THAT THOSE HEMOPHILIACS DIAGNOSED AS HAVING CONTRACTED AIDS HAVE RECEIVED MULTIPLE PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CRYO, FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY INSTANCE IN WHICH A HEMOPHILIAC PATIENT RECEIVED ONE PRODUCT EXCLUSIVELY. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN AS TO WHETHER EACH OF THEM INDEED RECEIVED ONE PRODUCT EXCLUSIVELY. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN AS TO WHETHER EACH OF THEM INDEED RECEIVED FACTORATE CONCENTRATE AS PART OF HEMOPHILIA TREATMENT, BUT ASSUME SUCH A LIKELIHOOD.
2. I CANNOT COMMENT ON INFORMATION GIVEN TO YOU EARLIER AS TO WHEN PROCEDURES WERE IMPLEMENTED IN PLASMA ALLIANCE CENTERS. THE CENTERS IN DECEMBER, 1982 AND THAT MORE FORMAL STEPS WERE TAKEN IN FEBRUARY, 1983, ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. PLS BEAR IN MIND THAT INDUSTRY DISCUSSIONS AS TO ACTION STEPS DID NOT BEGIN UNTIL DECEMBER, 1982.
3. THE DONOR DISCUSSED IN MY EARLIER TELEX HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN OUR PLASMAPHERESIS PROGRAMS SINCE LATE FEBRUARY, 1983. FACTORATE CONCENTRATE DERIVED FROM POOLS CONTAINING UNITS OF PLASMA FROM THIS INDIVIDUAL HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED DOMESTICALLY AND HAVE BEEN EXPORTED, SOME OF THIS MATERIAL DID GO TO THE U.K.
4. ARMOUR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY USES ONLY PLASMA COLLECTED BY THE PLASMA ALLIANCE CENTERS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FACTRATE CONCENTRATE. TO THAT EXTENT, WE'RE UNIQUE AMONG ALL OTHER MANUFACTURERS, WHO RELY UPON OUTSIDE SOURCE MATERIAL QUITE HEAVILY.
5. WITHIN OUR OWN ORGANIZATION, OVER 150 INDIVIDUALS HAVE DEFERRED THEMSELVES SINCE THE AIDS PROGRAM WAS INITIATED IN FEBRUARY, 1983. I MUST POINT OUT THAT PLASMA ALLIANCE CENTERS ARE NOT LOCATED IN ANY OF THE "HOT SPOTS" ASSOCIATED WITH AIDS, I.E., NEW YORK, FLORIDA, CALIFORNIA. ALPHA THERAPEUTIC CORPORATION HAS STATED THAT OVER 400 INDIVIDUALS HAVE DEFERRED THEMSELVES. I HAVE NO DATA FROM OTHER MANUFACTURERS.

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