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Dear Brian,

It was nice to bump into you last week.

As promised, herewith a copy of the background paper ^{etc} on AIDS that Shelby Dietrich presented at the beginning of the recent WFH Congress. The main feeling I got from most people was that the minimal risk was, at present, just one more that severe haemophiliacs had to accept, along with the other risks they accept already in their treatment, if they wished to avoid the inevitable outcome of reducing treatment frequency or levels. It seemed the issue had, by later in the Congress, become a political and emotional one, a little removed from a cool and realistic appraisal that one, perhaps optimistically, had anticipated!

Kate was in full swing at the Congress and I hope to see her soon as she had some very definite ideas on the conduct of the Society and where she thought it was not fulfilling its potential, shall we say! As we finished the discussion at about 4 a.m. one morning, I feel I might get more from a repeat performance in the cold, sober light of day!

Hope to see you soon. All the best,

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

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