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Koate - telephone conversation with Dr. Andrews of the DHSS

The product licence application for Koate appears to be "going through the machinery" at the Ministry and is being looked at by Dr. Andrews on the medical side and Mrs. Pratt on the chemistry and pharmacy side. During the course of conversation, Dr. Andrews mentioned that the Minister is personally vetting all submissions on Factor VIII because there is a lot of publicity and emotional feeling about it at the moment. Apparently the price of our product will be important and will probably affect the success of our application. Dr. Andrews suggested that as soon as we are granted a licence we resubmit a tender to the supplies division of the DHSS. He mentioned that the Cutter product "looked good" because each plasma donation is tested by RIA for hepatitis and there have been no reported cases of hepatitis since it has been introduced into the USA.

All being well, the submission will go before the Biological Sub-Committee on 9 January 1976.