

F I L E N O T E

MEETING WITH DR. JOHN STUART, CONSULTANT HAEMATOLOGIST,
QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM,
AUGUST 31st, 1978.

There are 400 Haemophiliacs on the books of this centre, 100 of which are regular attenders and 7 inhibitors. There have been no problems with the inhibitor patients, during Stuart's three years in the job, but he is aware of our animal products and would use them in extremists. He is interested in looking at the PE product when this is available.

They prefer to buy human from one company for periods of one year, these been roughly coincident with the D.H.S.S. contract year. They are currently using Hemophil, at 10p. Prior to this, they were on Armour. He had not heard of any hepatitis problems with the latter product.

Buying is co-ordinated by Dr. J. C. Stewart, The Regional Scientific Officer, for the West Midlands Regional Health Authority. There is interest in a regional contract and they tried to organize one for this year. I was told that no supplier would offer a discount below their then current prices. Regional usage of commercial concentrate in 1976 was 0.76 million units. This year, it looks like being 1.5 million. To-date, the Q.E. has used 0.85, Coventry 0.37 and the Birmingham Children's, 0.17. Additionally, this year they will use around 0.75 million of N.H.S. material.

I told Stuart, that for large quantities we could get down to 9.25p, which interested him. Whether we could get the contract at this figure I am not sure. I will arrange to see Stewart in the near future.

Stuart suggested that we let Prentice have details of the French cases we have had with animal this year. This sounds like a good idea.