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MEETING WITH PROFESSOR A. L. BLOOM, PROFESSOR OF HAEMATOLOGY,

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There are 250 haemophiliacs attached to this centre, of which 100 are regular attenders and 13 inhibitors. Until recently, human factor VIII purchases have been split three ways, Hemofil, Factorate and Elstree. They have now stopped using Armour, following the hepatitis problem. Prices are: Hemofil 11p and Factorate 9.5p.

Bloom used to favour Immuno, but as this is now 16p, he never buys.

He is not interested in the administration kits, but prefers to make his own up in the hospital.

I offered Koate at 10p for 50,000 unit lots and am reasonably confident that we will get some of the business. Bloom always likes to keep two suppliers, but is reluctant to make frequent changes.

Bloom is obviously not an animal lover, although he is interested in our work. He is prepared to look at the new material when available. He referred to Rizza's suggestion that use of porcine increased the inhibitor level to human. He also felt that the present material was too antigenic and expressed doubts as to the likelihood of our reducing this to a level which he would regard as satisfactory. I think it important that we provide him with clinical evidence as soon as possible. Perhaps Jean Pierre could prepare some notes.

Bloom would like some PE to help with a new research project of his looking at the biochemistry of human factor VIII. He has a research worker starting in January 1979, to work full time on this subject. We could arrange to have first option on the results.

PPF was at one time rationed in his area, but it is now issued on

a first come, first served basis. There is never enough available, partly because the Health Service does not produce sufficient, partly because of the high price. Bloom felt there was a place for commercial material, if it could be produced more cheaply. We should obviously investigate.

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