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Dear Dr Aronstam

RE : **GRO-A** DoB **GRO-A** 75. **GRO-A**

Thank you for your letter about **GRO-A** of October 15 1986. The delay in replying is because I now appear to have two definite and one likely seroconversions and I have spent sometime trying to see if they have any batches in common.

As far as **GRO-A** is concerned he was, as you have stated, negative for HIV antibody in June 1985. He had received only heat treated material from the beginning of 1985 and I have listed for you the material he received in 1984, 1985, and 1986. As far as I am aware he only received factor VIII concentrate - his operation in June 1985 was an orchidopexy and no blood transfusion was obviously given. He has had no other serious illnesses or operations.

Materials received:

1984 - Total 19,910 units
Elstree HLA 3114, 3080, 3086, 3140, 3170
HLB 3122, 3132, 3093, 132, 3064, 3147
HL 3210
HLC 3175
Scotland 793

1985 - Total 35610 units
Elstree HLH 3242, 3255B, 3254B, 3237B.
8Y 3292, 3317

Heat Treated Cutter 55N007, 50N014, 55N009
Heat Treated Armour Y77404, Y96411, Y83006, A15501

1986 - Elstree 8Y3317, 2228, 3352, 3385, 3417

There are three batches of VIII concentrate administered to all three of my seroconverted patients. These batches are Elstree HL 3210, Elstree 8Y3292 and Armour Y83006.

I have already written to Dr Craske at Manchester about the first seroconversion and he thought that one of the Armour batches was a possible cause. I have now written to him with details of **GRO-A** and the third (not yet entirely confirmed) patient. I will let you know of his reply.

Incidentally, I was speaking to **GRO-A**'s General Practitioner the other day and thought it wise to mention the seroconversion. Have you written to him officially concerning this or do you wish for me to do so? I have been regularly informing the GP's of all patients registered with this centre who are HIV antibody positive. In addition have you told his mother? I ask because I may well be involved with the family at holiday time and I

need to be aware of the home situation. I have also spoken to GRO-A himself about school and he thinks its' marvellous! Long may this continue. If I can help further please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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