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Mr Malachy Devlin

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Dear Mr Devlin

As you know there has been much recent publicity in the Newspapers and Television regarding AIDS. It is now known that AIDS is caused by a newly discovered virus. We do not yet have a blood test for the virus particle but hope to have one soon. However, we and other Haemophilia Reference Centres do have serum for the antibody to the virus. A positive test does not mean that the person will be developing AIDS but it is important to carry out this test as we are now changing to heat treated material from Scotland which should be AIDS free. Therefore, I want to know the antibody status of all patients before receiving heat treated material.

Please come for a simple straightforward blood test on Friday 19 April 1985 at 10.30 a.m.

Yours sincerely

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