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Angus Macmillan Douglas

From: Bob Perry
To: Angus Macmillan Douglas; Peter Foster
Subject: RE: HCv Litigation Irish Tribunal of Inquiry
Date: 20 July 2000 17:17

Peter

I disagree slightly
not because I do not trust the competence of the Tribunal to make decisions based on different witness statements but because the Tribunal is a public process in which perceived differences can be exploited by media and other interested parties.

I am not interested in 'spinning' the two statements together or ensuring that the detail is identical-but I am interested in seeing that our respective positions are consistent. I think Susan Murray also takes this view. I also think it would help the Tribunal if any major conflicts/differences were dealt with beforehand. However I share your view that there is unlikely to be major conflicts.

Bob

From: Peter Foster
To: Angus Macmillan Douglas; Bob Perry
Subject: RE: HCv Litigation Irish Tribunal of Inquiry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2000 5:02PM

Bob

Although it will be useful to learn what Terry has provided, it is always possible that different 'experts' will have different opinions. I don't think we should 'interfere' with Terry or ask him to change his statement (should there be any differences between us), nor should we change ours to fit a BPL view. If there are any differences, it will be up to the Tribunal to decide who and what to believe, based on the quality of the evidence provided.

If there are any differences between BPL and ourselves they are likely to be of emphasis (-and omission), as the basic facts are pretty well established - nevertheless, a lay Tribunal could give particular 'emphases' more importance than they deserve. Hence the importance of SNBTS eventually being given permission to present our own evidence to the Tribunal.

Peter

From: Bob Perry
To: Angus Macmillan Douglas; Peter Foster
Subject: FW: HCv Litigation Irish Tribunal of Inquiry
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Have just heard that Terry Snape (BPL) is acting as expert witness in the tribunal.
I think we need to take steps to ensure there is no major conflict between our report of events (which will soon be in the public domain) and what Terry is planning to say. He has already provided written witness statement.

I will contact him.

Bob

From: YVONNE TODD
To: Murray, Susan
Cc: Ian M Franklin; Bob Perry; Brian McClelland
Subject: HCv Litigation Irish Tribunal of Inquiry
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2000 9:41AM

Susan re you fax dated 19/7.

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Hello Terry, thank you for your email and apologies for the delay in getting back to you. I am still looking into this but my instinct at the moment is that there's not enough there for a story for me. I'll keep you posted if that changes.

Thanks and best wishes, Jane Kirby Health Editor www.pressassociation.com
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From: Terry Snape snte@GRO-C

Reply-To: Terry Snape snte@GRO-C

Date: Tuesday, 7 May 2019 at 12:13

To: Jane Kirby Jane.Kirby@GRO-C

Subject: Re: Contaminated Blood Inquiry

Hi Jane,

Thank you for your call this morning and for the associated e-mail thread, which I have now reviewed. I understand that the e-mail thread was disclosed following a recent FOI search and that you are considering writing an article based on the e-mail content.

A pedestrian response to your enquiry if I may, hopefully satisfying your questions:

- Yes, I am the Terry Snape referred to in the e-mail thread
- At the time of these communications (July 2000)
 - I was Technical Director for Bio Products Laboratory (BPL) at Elstree
 - Peter Foster was R&D Director at Protein Fractionation Centre (PFC) Edinburgh; Bob Perry was PFC Director
 - BPL and PFC were separately managed entities, BPL through the National Blood Authority (NBA), PFC through the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS)
 - Our respective responsibilities meant that Bob Perry and I regularly worked together in a range of regulatory and quality fora, as individual experts, and as representatives of our different organisations; I had fewer, less regular, contacts with Peter Foster
- The tribunal referred to was the Lindsay Tribunal in the Republic of Ireland
- I did give evidence to the Tribunal (as also did Peter Foster – Bob Perry did not); the Tribunal Report is in the public domain, downloadable as a searchable PDF (as I'm sure you know)
- To the best of my recollection, I was never approached by Bob Perry (or anyone else from SNBTS) with a request to share the witness statement that I had prepared for the Tribunal
- I was certainly never put under pressure by anyone to review or modify my witness statement in any way, or to tailor the evidence that I was due to give at the Tribunal

- My reading of the e-mail thread is that Bob Perry was proposing to ask me what I intended to tell the Tribunal, but not that I be asked to modify my evidence to suit other purposes; in any case this is moot, since I was not approached.
- I hope my observations make sense to you. You will decide whether a publication is in the public interest. I shall be grateful if you will give me sight of any proposed publication.

Best regards,

Terry

Sincerely,

Terry Snape – please reply to snte@GRO-C

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