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I was aware of the potential adverse publicity concerning the safety of Factor VIII in the USA (and certain other blood products, in my opinion) where the original donation was obtained from the homosexual community. I suspect our press will pick this up in view of the recent events at Buckingham Palace. I do not entirely agree with your account of the technicalities but that makes no difference to the eventual outcome. Although I know Dr Griffin is aware of this also I am copying the correspondence to him and to Dr Fowler who will have to take any action that proves necessary.

The element of doubt I have in your thesis is that the drug taking may not be an essential feature of the affair - but I am open to correction on this; if it is solely the curious activities of the homosexual male which lead to the infection, without superadded drugs, then our own blood production system may not be exempt.

Either I or Dr Fowler will keep in touch with you over developments.

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