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Mr Parker

## FACTOR VIII AND AIDS

I refer to Dr Walford's minute of 16 May 1983 which was not widely copied. For those who have not seen the minute I enclose a copy.

Questions posed by Dr Walford are clearly of considerable importance and have wide implications for the licensing authority, Supply Division and of course for HS. It seems to me important that our activities are fully co-ordinated so that we safeguard our own supply position and if possible obtain Factor VIII from the safest available sources. Ideally I suppose we would like to see any imported Factor VIII which is derived from American material to be manufactured after 24 March 1983. Would it not be a good idea if you were to call the interested people in the Department to an early meeting to discuss how we handle these issues? Unfortunately I shall be on leave from 18 May for a week but in my absence Mr Gregory is in charge of the division.

Whatever we do we must not take any precipitate action which might affect the supply of necessary Factor VIII.

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cc Dr Walford  
Dr Fowler  
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Mr Sharpe  
Mr Higson  
Mr Winstanley

*Mr. Winstanley*  
*We spoke: you*  
*are arranging a*  
*meeting and preparing*  
*papers.*

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