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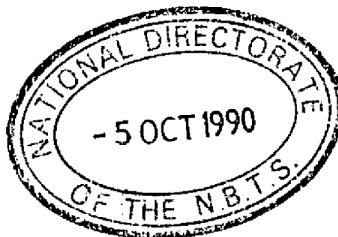


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Dear Harold

HCV DONATION TESTING : DONOR COUNSELLING : GILLON REPORT

I have only now got round to looking at Jack Gillon's Report and hence touched base with Jack, and am delighted to learn he has sent you a copy.

On 6th November the SNBTS Directors will discuss this document and I am most anxious, if you and I think it appropriate and realistic, that we continue our efforts at harmonisation.

I fully appreciate that you may feel that this is one area, because of differences in opinions with regard to the involvement of BTS medics in donor follow-up, in which it isn't appropriate to pursue harmonisation between NBTS and SNBTS. Should that be so, then I think we should simply recognise and record it. We will press on and I will keep you fully briefed on the outcome of our deliberations and evolved strategies. On the other hand, you might feel it helpful if we dialogued with those NBTS colleagues that shared our philosophical approach. If so, we would, I think, prefer to do this through your Directorate not least because there are a number of specific donor advice issues that I feel warrant at least some effort at harmonisation.

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PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

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Finally, I would much appreciate your thoughts on the issue of "look-back". You will have noted that our team have indicated the need for a policy statement and in their view "look-back" should be attempted.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

GRO-C

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