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Your Ref. XTD/1221/HLL/pk

Dear Hew,

I am afraid your decision to commence testing before everyone else has come at a very inopportune moment, for it will seriously undermine the whole concept of establishing a National Service precisely at the time when this proposal is being submitted for reconsideration by the Department of Health. The importance of supporting this concept goes far beyond parochial interests, and the issue is an urgent one.

Your view that to defer screening is "indefensible" in the light of product liability legislation cannot be taken seriously, nor is there any evidence of HCV prevalence sufficient to justify your precipitate decision on epidemiological and scientific grounds.

If we cannot work together, we shall decline separately.

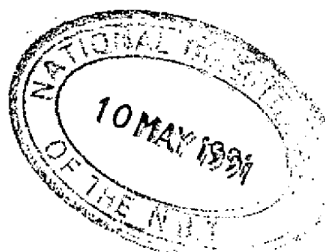
Yours sincerely,

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