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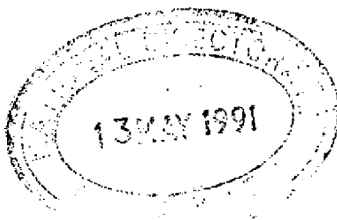
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Dear Dr Gunson

You will have received a copy of Dr Contreras letter to myself regarding HCV testing. My impression from her letter is that there was a concerted attempt to obtain funding from the Department of Health for Hepatitis C testing. The letter suggests that this was in some way an agreed strategy. Would you be good enough to let me know whether there was in fact a strategy which involved delaying the introduction of the tests whilst awaiting central funding for this test. As far as I am aware, no previous communication has indicated that the start date for the test depended on funding direct from the Department of Health.

Yours sincerely

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Dr H L Lloyd  
 Director/General Manager

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