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Dear John,

CHIRON TEST

I am pleased that you are carrying out 5000 tests for anti-HCV. John Barbara has now almost completed the tests on the 9000 from England and when the results are to hand I will send them to you.

I am having some difficulties with Ortho who are wanting to know when (not if) we are going to introduce routine testing and how many tests we wish to order. There is a meeting in Rome on 14th/15th September 1989 and Marcela, John and I are attending. If you have not had an invitation I think you should secure one. The intention of the meeting is to review the European experience with the test.

My view is that we should not move until we know what our European colleagues are doing. For the U.K. it is important that the SNBTS and the NBTS act in close collaboration since I can foresee difficulties if one of us introduced the test unilaterally.

I hope we can discuss this matter soon.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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