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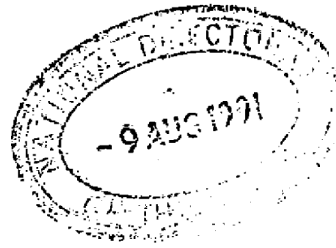
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Dear Harold

PTH(HCV) : FUTURE LITIGATIONS

I do believe it is important that consideration is given to the formulation of an agreed statement of the UK BTS professional position with regard to HCV donation testing.

It seems to me that the key elements which need to be addressed, in the context of a defence position in subsequent litigations, are as follows:

1. Why didn't UK BTS introduce surrogate (ALT/Anti-HBc) testing?
2. Why was anti-HCV testing delayed until 1st September 1991?

Perhaps we might wish to give this a run round at the next ACTTD meeting. On the other hand, you may feel this would be the most appropriate forum.

You/

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PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

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You will see from the enclosed (which I'm sure you've seen) the cause for my concern and why I feel this matter is of some urgency. You promised to send me a set of Dr Metters' Committee Minutes: they haven't yet arrived.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

GRO-C

John D Cash
National Medical & Scientific Director

Enc: Extract from 'Independent' - Patients may sue over
hepatitis-C in blood

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