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Dear Marcela,

NBTS 110

Roger has shown me your letter advising him that you do not propose to use the revised Form NBTS 110, and instead you will be using your own version.

I thought that I should write to remind you that before the contents of this form were agreed it was subjected to wide consultation throughout the Service. There are potential dangers in "going it alone" in matters such as this; this is why the UKBTS/NIBSC Guidelines have been written so that accordance can be reached within the NBTS. These Guidelines state that donors should sign NBTS 110 (or equivalent) document. It may not be agreed that your version was equivalent to NBTS 110.

I do not have the authority to demand that you use a particular form for your donors to sign, all I ask is that you think very carefully about the action you take in this regard. I considered that I should put on record that I had asked you to do this since I would find it difficult to support you if you had to defend your course of action when at least 10 of the 14 RTCs had agreed the format of the revised form.

With respect to your questionnaire, I do not think that there has been any question of suggesting that you do not use this. In fact, the situation is just the reverse. I am concerned that we are asking receptionists on donor sessions to ask so many questions that omissions will occur and I will be raising the matter of using questionnaires on sessions at the Management Committee meeting this week.

*H.H. Gunson*

Yours sincerely,

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