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Dear Harold

Thank you for your letter of 26 February which I received yesterday, due to the postal strike.

I am most grateful for your concern regarding my lack of full compliance with NBTS 110. I understand your reasons for writing to me. However, as I stated at the meeting of the Management Committee, I agree with all the contents of the form except for the sentence stating that donors confirm they are not at risk of HIV infection. I know that you and most of our colleagues see this 'confirmation' within the context of the AIDS leaflet. I have discussed the matter at length with my consultant colleagues at the Centre and we all agree that we cannot ask prospective donors to confirm that they are not at risk. The proof for this lies in some of our recent confirmed HIV seropositives who genuinely did not think they were at risk.

With reference to the rest of our form, it is just the same as the one being printed in Cambridge. We will delete North America and Australasia in order to comply with the rest of the country.

I enclose our version of NBTS 110 for you to consider whether it is equivalent to the official document.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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