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Dear Harold

Thank you for your letter of 15 February 1991 enclosing the minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee.

When I spoke to you regarding anti-HCV screening, I said that if forced, we would be able to start on 1 July 1991 if the money was available. Apart from having to employ additional staff and make modifications to our computer and release systems, we are confident that we could start screening, but if we have to find the monies ourselves, this will be later than 1 July 1991. So far I have not received instructions from my Regional General Managers to add on the cost of screening to the handling charges for blood derivatives.

Hence, I repeat that if we are forced to start screening, we would be able to start but very reluctantly.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Marcela Contreras

Director

cc Dr S Adam

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