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Dear Harold,

FORM NBTS 110

Thank you for your letter of 21st December. Unfortunately, the two enclosures mentioned in your letter were not attached.

At NLBTC, we hold a considerable proportion of donor sessions in industry, and we do not send any correspondence to such donors. They are reminded by the local organisers of our visits and are asked to attend. In addition, 10% - 20% of our donors are first-time donors and a significant number of known donors change their donation venues without giving any notice (people in London move house and work quite regularly). These are the three main reasons for donors arriving at a session without having had the opportunity of reading the AIDS leaflet. We would need to have a member of staff acting as a receptionist at all donor sessions, ensuring that all donors read the leaflet before they are asked to sign Form 110.

With reference to the other illnesses, I can clearly remember bringing up several points at the November meeting of the Management Committee. I had discussed the revised form at length with Pat Hewitt and I have a record of the points I discussed and which are not recorded under item 7 of the Minutes. For example, I asked whether Australasia could be inserted after North America. I also asked whether the conditions in number 4 could be put in alphabetical order. I also asked why Toxoplasmosis had been included and Glandular Fever excluded. We *all* agreed that we would include "Hospital Admission".

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We have discussed NBTS 110 at length with the consultants at this centre and we would all oppose number 5 in your revised form. We do not think that we can ask anybody to sign confirming that "they are not at risk". We do not think that the Department of Health solicitors would be very happy if they knew that we were asking donors to sign such a form. Anyway, would this signature have any legal standing?

I enclose a copy of a short paper that we wrote on Toxoplasmosis. As you can see, we would only consider Toxoplasmosis screening for those rare instances of granulocyte transfusions to immunocompromised patients such as premature babies.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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