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Dear Andrej

Re Mr **GRO-A**, dob **GRO-A**/36

GRO-A

Our Ref HE2/92

Thank you for your letter of 8 December 1994 regarding the claim which Mr **GRO-A** has lodged with the Department, in respect of his HIV infection.

As you will know from previous correspondence and conversations, I have no problem in supplying a list of the Soundex codes and dates of birth for the donors involved in this case. I understand that Dr Noone will notify you, in confidence, if any of these match a report of HIV infection which has been received through the confidential reporting system operated by CDSC.

My one problem with your proposal is that there will usually be other recipients who have been transfused from the same donor. In some cases, this will involve components from the same donation and in other cases there may be subsequent donations. I am most unhappy that the RTC is not provided with information which could facilitate the tracing and testing of other recipients who may have been at risk of infection. I have expressed my concern on several occasions in the past. If the Department and CDSC fail to disclose information which could enable the identification of other recipients who are infected, and therefore also eligible to submit a claim under the Department of Health Scheme, then some individuals will be denied access to the scheme.

I have written to Dr Noone with the details requested in your letter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

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