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1. Thank you for your minute of 16 August 1989.
2. It was suggested that 2 or 3 people from the ACVSB Committee should go to the US.
3. The two topics that were to be considered were:-
 - a. HTLV1 Testing Experience - FDA, Red Cross and other transfusion services,
 - b. Chiron Testing (Hepatitis C) - FDA, Red Cross and other transfusion services and Chiron Inc.
4. The people available on the Committee who might be considered for this trip could be split into 3 groups:-
 - a. Virologists - Dr Mortimer - Dr Tedder - Professor Zuckerman
 - b. ACVSB Secretariat - Dr Rejman - Mr Canavan - Mr Arthur
 - c. Transfusion/Fractionators - Dr Gunson - Dr Mitchell - Dr Lane - Dr Perry.

You yourself or Dr Pickles might also wish to go.

5. Of the above it might be best to exclude Dr Mortimer as he has recently been doing work for Chiron and might not be independent. Mr Arthur and I are now both becoming very busy with the HIV Haemophilia Litigation and so should probably not be considered. (I am at Sunningdale on 11-14 September). The fractionators are really only peripheral to the testing.

6. I would suggest that possibly Dr Gunson and either Dr Tedder or Professor Zuckerman, if they can spare the time, should be considered together with possibly Mr Canavan from the Secretariat.

7. I gather that the tripartite group are meeting in Canada this year and so the suggestion that members from there could obtain the necessary information for us, is not feasible.

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