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Dear Professor Thomas

HCV Look-Back

Within the proposed London and S.E. Zone of the N.B.S. (Cambridge, Brentwood, North London and Tooting), we anticipate that the look-back will identify more than 3000 potentially infectious blood components and it is likely that approximately 25% of the recipients will be alive and traceable.

Collectively, this exercise could generate a significant amount of data. We are planning to create a Zonal database of the outcomes we can identify, including the results of recipient testing throughout the Zone. We can also access their sera from the designated reference laboratories.

We are very keen to organise a meeting between interested Transfusion Consultants and yourselves, to explore the issues and opportunities presented by the look-back. It has been suggested that we would at least hold a preliminary meeting before MSBT on 25th May, so I apologise for the lack of notice and unsociable suggestion of 4pm Friday 19th May! The meeting will be held at the West End Donor Centre, Margaret Street, W.1. (5 mins from Oxford Street Tube Station) with light refreshments provided.

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I would be grateful if you could confirm with my secretary whether or not you will be able to attend. Even if you are unable to make this first meeting, it would be very helpful to know your views on this suggestion.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

GRO-C

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Let's also send to: Dr Dusheiko / Prof Williams / Dr Alexander