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Dear Richard,

Thank you for your letter of the 12th June relating to the relationship between R.T.C. Oxford, PFL and the Oxford Haemophilia Centre.

I set up a meeting yesterday with Ethel Bidwell, Jim Smith, Terry Snape, Dr. Rizza and myself to discuss this whole matter. We all agree that the proposed new arrangements are probably not a great deal more than a paper exercise in terms of accounting for what goes where. It appears that the practices relating to distribution will remain unchanged, and that any Factor VIII produced either at PFL or Elstree from Oxford material will continue to be issued direct to the Oxford Haemophilia Centre. We are satisfied that it would be proper for the Oxford Centre to come in line with the others, and it is right that we should contribute to the Lord Mayor Treloar School. We also appreciate the advantages of Oxford production being buffered in the event of unforeseen hiccups with their batches. Jim advised us that there would be no problems from the administrative point of view in accounting for the production and issues, even if this is done on an intermittent basis, say every three or six months.

One point which I think should not be forgotten is that about half of the patients that come to the Oxford Haemophilia Centre are referred from outside this Region, and this very often is because they are the more difficult cases to deal with. This point will not be lost when I put my next submission to the RHA for funds to increase our plasma collection.

If there are any problems in putting your proposals into effect please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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