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Dear Colleague

HCV : LOOK-BACK PROGRAMME

As promised, I have discussed this topic with Harold Gunson.

We both agreed the following:

- (a) It would not, after we start anti-HCV donation screening, be appropriate to introduce a systematic look-back programme on previous recipients - as was done for HIV-1.
- (b) It would be appropriate, in the period before routine anti-HCV donation screening commences, to examine the anti-HCV status of donors who have been implicated in a case of reported PTH.

We will discuss this on August 13/14.

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PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

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I hope this is helpful

Kindest regards

Yours, sincerely

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