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Dear Ian

A note to confirm our telephone conversation and by way of a recorded response to your letter of the 2nd July 1987.

Some points:-

1. The SNBTS Directors do not wish, and currently have no intention, of introducing NANB surrogate testing unilaterally.
2. Current views, which as you know were crystallised last March, are being expressed to support our Public Expenditure Survey (PES) submissions to SHHD for the next 5 years.
3. We have no doubt that an important forum for the continued debate is indeed the BTS/NIBSC group(s) and the current NANB debate (which began some 2 years ago here) and the confused central management attitudes to the Medicines Act and Product Liability had much to do with driving me to seek the establishment of this joint enterprise.
4. I really don't believe you should view the Lancet letter as any more than part of a debate which was initiated in this journal's columns by our friends and colleagues at Edgware. It can also be viewed as yet another attempt to persuade central management (DHSS) to give renewed thought to the way the transfusion services interface with the Medicines Act and forthcoming legislation on product liability and perhaps even to ways for improving the co-ordinated management of the transfusion services on a UK basis.

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Thanks for being so frank - keep it up!

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

John D Cash

Dictated by Professor Cash, signed in his absence