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Dear John

FACTOR VIII CONCENTRATE

Having regard to our earlier discussions on the Factor VIII stockpile you will recall that I commented that Alex Bryce, to make best use of space, is not bringing forward vials to issue because he feels that labelled vials should be also packaged which takes a lot of space. Instead, Alex is holding vials which have been cleared by Quality Assurance and are ready for issue in all respect except that they have not yet been labelled and packed. This means that it is rather difficult to calculate precisely the exact national stockpile of Factor VIII.

As we approach the end of November with all issues having been completed we have a stable situation from which we can take hard information.

At the present stage of the pro rata system we issue 2 237 vials each month and at this time we have 793 vials ready to issue with 1 964 vials cleared for labelling, 2 161 vials in bond awaiting quality assurance clearance and 268 vials arrested. The latter figure is a single batch which may never come to issue because it shows small floccules on resolution.

These figures mean that we have 2 757 vials available to meet issues in December with a margin of 520 which, during December, should grow to 2 681 for issue in January. This means, in effect, that we have a national stock roughly equivalent to one month of issue and an annual rate of issue of 26 344 vials.

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Incidentally, this rate of issue is equivalent to 6.8 million units of Factor VIII.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely

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