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Dear John

Donor Declaration

We have now introduced modified donor enquiry forms which ask the donor to sign a specific declaration that he has read the AIDS leaflet and isn't in a risk group. I enclose a copy.

We now have to think about the significance of what we have done. Our practise up to now has been to discard the forms once the donor has handed them, signed to the clerkess at the session. My first reaction was that these forms should be filed as a record that the donor had signed the declaration. However, since the signatures are frequently illegible, we would require to attach a bar code label bearing the donation number to each form. This trivial procedure would considerably slow up thte sessions and cause a lot of problems. Furthermore, one has to ask what would be the significance of the retained documents.

What we have introduced for the time being is a double checking procedure to make absolutely certain that no donor can reach the point of giving blood without two separate checks that the AIDS declaration has been signed. Thereafter the forms will be discarded.

Do you think this is a reasonable compromise and indeed do you think it would be wise to discuss this whole area with the Legal Adviser. I am reluctant to approach them without first seeking your views.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

D B L McClelland  
Director

cc Mrs Thornton  
cc Dr Ghosh  
cc Dr Gillon