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The Medical Adviser  
Committee of Safety of Medicine,  
Market Towers,  
1 Nine Elms Lane,  
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IN STRICT MEDICAL CONFIDENCE

Dear Sir,

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Factor VIII

Batch 023110090

I write to formally report that it would appear that the above batch of factor VIII transfused during the Spring of last year to patients under my care may have contained the HTLVIII (AIDS) virus. Most of our patients were negative for anti-HTLVIII before the Spring of last year and during the succeeding few months a number of patients developed antibodies to HTLVIII. We have examined the transfusion records carefully of all the patients who developed this specific antibody and the above batch would appear to be the one that was most likely to have caused the infection.

I send you the names of the individual haemophiliac infected in very strict confidence. No doubt you will wish to undertake your own enquiry but I should be grateful if the list of patients concerned was not passed to any other organisation without my personal consent. Although some of the patients realise they have received a contaminated batch and know that they have developed anti-HTLVIII, other patients do not know of this and do not wish to know.

Yours faithfully,

C.A.Ludlam  
Consultant Haematologist

P.S. I enclose the complete transfusion records for 1984 on the infected patients.