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Dear Professor Blackburn

Thank you for your letter of 14 February 1974 in which you convey to the Department the views of the Haemophilia Centre Directors, and in particular, their endorsement and approval of the document "Factor VIII concentrates made in the United Kingdom and the treatment of haemophilia based on studies made during 1969-72" by Dr Rosemary Biggs et al.

I have a record of your proposition that the document should form the basis of planning future developments in fractionation to make therapeutic materials for treating patients with coagulation defects. It will be circulated to appropriate officers in the Department, together with your endorsement.

The other two matters about which you wrote to me earlier are being pursued with appropriate divisions who deal with money matters. My administrative opposite number has noted the delay and your natural anxiety to move things along in Sheffield, and I expect answers to be forthcoming soon. I can only apologise that the machinery appears to move unreasonably slowly. But it is moving, although in the present financial climate it is getting more and more difficult to find money, however high a priority we give to an individual proposal.

I hope I can write with better news soon.

With all good wishes - it was very pleasant to meet you again in Sheffield,

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

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