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Witness Name: **GRO-B**

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THE INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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15th May, 1984.

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You will remember GRO-B had a termination of pregnancy last year in 1982 and fairly torrential haemorrhages. I was away on leave part of this time and thought that just before I went that all was well but the bleeding continued for another 10 days or so and on the advice of various experts she received large quantities of cryoprecipitate and Factor VIII concentrates.

You will be aware of all the recent fuss about AIDS. It appears that among the materials she was given were bottles of VIII concentrate from the same batch as that which has been one of a number of batches given to one of the two English cases of AIDS in haemophilia. All haemophiles heads and directors have therefore been asked to carry out occasional clinical naematological and virological tests at regular intervals on all such cases without telling them that there is any suggestion that they might catch AIDS. I wrote a fairly heated letter to the relevant virologist (who is Stephen Grasse's brother) pointing out the alarm which would be caused by doing this to a patient who one hasn't seen for about a couple of years. The chance of catching the infection are of the order of one in a thousand and there is no treatment it didn't seem to me to be ethical to make the approach.

His reply was "however if she is in good health and does not require regular blood therapy, perhaps the best way of keeping an eye on her clinical state would be to write to her GP and ask him to notify you should she present with any illness for which there is no obvious cause."

She actually received her relevant batch on the 29th July, 1982, a total of 940 units of Batch HLA.2893. They envisaged follow-up for four years of which nearly two have elapsed because the longest reported case is 43 months after treatment. The shortest is 10 months.

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Suggested symptoms and signs are quoted as being weight loss breathlessness
malaise diarrhoea dysphasia enlarged lymph nodes spleen and liver.

Should you find yourself having to take a blood count from GRO-B in the
next couple of years for some other reason there is no doubt that considerable
significance is placed on an absolute lymphopenia.

I very much hope that no harm will ever befall her but it would seem only
proper to be on the watch in case it should.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

GRO-B

R. Vaughan Jones.