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Dr.A.Smithies,
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Dear Dr.Smithies,

Factor VIII Batches HLA and HLB3046 :
Donor with AIDS Symptoms and Serology

I enclose copies of letters to the Directors of Transfusion Centres at Bristol and Liverpool drawing attention to a recent report of a batch of factor VIII concentrate (unheated) compromized by inclusion, in the pool, of plasma from a donor who has since developed symptomatic HTLV-III infection. I also attach copies of the original reports on the donor from Dr.Ala.

As you will see from my letter, product recall is not in question but patient follow-up will be important. In the last incident of this type, not all haemophilia centre directors were equally cop-operative in the follow-up exercise and, although a complete inventory of all vials involved was quickly drawn up, patient follow-up was less complete. I am assuming that, as before, the patient follow-up exercise will be co-ordinated by Dr.Craske; obviously I will satisfy myself that the numbers of vials involved can be reconciled.

Yours sincerely,

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T.J.SNAPE
Head of Quality Control
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