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Laura,

Nice to meet you today.

Your summary seems right to me. I noted Graham's comments on each chapter but agree that it would be sensible to defer recording this until your contractor has reviewed the papers.

I will keep the set of papers you provided in the event of any further enquiries related to this - rest assured we will be back to consult you if any are received.

best

Veronica

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Veronica and Graham,

Many thanks for meeting with me today. Just to sum up -

We will organise for a contractor who has previous experience with releasing similar documents to look at the appendices to Professor Bloom's report and the other set of documents marked legal professional privilege in light of the fact that we really only need to release those documents that have a bearing on hepatitis C. I will make sure that the contractor sees your note Graham, and he is aware of your concern that Appendix 21 should be withheld as it is commercial in confidence.

As Professor Bloom's report was written in 1990, we do not need to release that. We did agree that the majority of the report was factual information that was already in the public domain. I was going to list all the sections that we discussed but after going through them, I think it would be better to do a careful check at the time if we do need to consider releasing the report. Information that was not in the public domain would be covered by legal professional privilege and we would need to apply the public interest test to this.

Thanks for your help on this.

Kind regards,

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