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Mr Watt	

Dear John

Supplies of Factor VIII/Pro Rata System

I'd be most grateful for your thoughts on a difficult problem that is emerging in the Edinburgh Haemophilia Centre.

There is no doubt that Chris Ludlam had, by the time we had our Pro Rata meeting (April 22nd, 1982), started a very large number of "new" patients on Home Therapy. He had done this on the basis that he knew by March 31st, 1982 the Edinburgh Centre had sent > 6,000 Kg. of FFP to PFC in that year. He did his sums and concluded that on a pro rata basis he could look forward to a monthly issue, beginning April 1982, of at least 500 bottles/month (assuming 200 i.u./Kg. yield).

You will not be surprised to learn that Chris is on schedule - his monthly consumption is exactly 500 bottles! Unless something can be done then he will have to switch some of his Home Therapy patients to commercial concentrate.

There can be no doubt that the industrial action, so far, is not having the severe effect that we had anticipated. Moreover, the decision to abandon pro rata was made in the light of building up stocks to take us over a 3-4 month down-period (the old phase II plans) and now we are thinking in terms of only 1 month or less. Of no less importance is that BPL have agreed to consider covering us in any down-time period.

What I would like to explore with you is whether we should reconsider the matter of reintroducing pro rata as soon as possible, rather than sitting on a stock which could prevent certain patients in the SE being exposed to commercial concentrate. I'm certainly in favour of this move, or, alternatively, it might be easier to simply take the SE in isolation and see that it receives 500/month (1,500/quarter).

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I also wonder whether the time has come for us to begin to plan the 1 month down-time needed to fit in the tunnel washer etc..

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

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