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Dear Dr. Waiter,

Re: Possible export of plasma to Canada

I am writing as you suggested to explain the reason for my enquiry regarding the above subject. I have obtained on loan from Cryosan Ltd. of Montreal a Huggins Cytoglomerator (value \$12,000) for the purpose of carrying out my programme of running a deep frozen blood bank at Westminster Hospital. At the end of March 1974 I shall be expected either to pay for the machine directly or to carry out other suggested alternative ways of paying. Of these the one of most interest to me is the sale to Cryosan Ltd. of the plasma taken from Westminster Hospital Donor panel patients whose red cells have been frozen - as part of my programme. It is to be clearly understood that this subject specifically excludes blood from National Blood Transfusion Service donors supplied for the use of Westminster Hospital.

I presume that blood products for sale in the U.K. and/or for export for diagnostic purposes must comply with T.S.A. regulations in respect of conditions under which they are prepared, stored etc. My department can be inspected at any time from this viewpoint. The hospital authorities have also indicated that they would not object to the transactions I have in mind provided that Department of Health sanction is obtained.

I would be very grateful if you would advise me how to proceed further in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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