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Dear Dr. Lane,

ADVISORY GROUP ON TESTING FOR THE PRESENCE OF
HEPATITIS B SURFACE ANTIGEN AND ITS ANTIBODY

I am very pleased to have received from Dr. Jenkins the Third Report of the Advisory Group and official consultations with the Advisory Group on Hepatitis and the Joint Consultants Committee are being arranged. Subject, of course, to the comments of these two Committees, the Department proposes to circulate the report, in simple typescript form, without delay to interested parties including Regional Transfusion Directors, Regional Medical Officers, Regional Scientific Officers, PHLS, NIBSC etc.

As you are no doubt aware, the Department's advice in relation to all aspects of communicable hepatitis is now a matter for the Advisory Group on Hepatitis under the Chairmanship of Sir Robert Williams. This Committee has decided not to establish a Standing Sub-Committee on Testing for Hepatitis but to appoint a small working group when the need arises to deal with matters relating to hepatitis testing.

I am therefore writing to tell you that the Advisory Group on Testing for the Presence of Hepatitis B Surface Antigen and its Antibody is now to be formally disbanded and to express to you my own and the Department's gratitude for the expertise which you have brought to the Advisory Group and for the time and effort which you have expended in order to produce the Advisory Group's Third Report. Your work has been very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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