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Dear Dr Gunson

Dr Dick Daniell visited us at CDSC this morning, bringing details of three HIV positive US forces personnel who have donated blood in the UK. He works most closely with the US navy so the information on the man from the navy is fullest. However he is ready to get further details on the other two if you want. He would like to know what information you would want on any he finds in the future.

I feel that you have no interest in those known to have been negative at least 6 months post donation. Would you attempt to follow up the others? Perhaps we should ask for the date of the last negative test on the two for whom it is not given, and on any future reports of this kind, so that we know for which there is no call for recipient follow-up in the UK.

I told Dr Daniell I would pass his information to you, and that either you or I would let him know whether or not there was any further information we wanted him to obtain. Do you want to write to him yourself or shall I?

In my new role I would like to consult you about the reporting of positive blood donors to the HIV data base at CDSC. It is clear that many of them are missing, and we don't have full information on those we have. I realise you are anxious that individual transfusion centres should not be identifiable in any output, but your group are very important to the data and in order to be sure that we have all the individuals and none of them twice we need more information than we have. Could we get that either through Vi, or direct from the RTDs? Would it be all right for me to find out from Vi how much information she has on each positive. Perhaps I could come to Manchester to try to sort it out.

Yours sincerely

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