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CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. P. A. E. Jones,
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Dear Ashley,

You will be aware that from 14th October 1985 the Transfusion Service started screening all donations for anti HTLV III. It was also agreed by the Transfusion Directors that if any positive donor was found (apart from resignation, counselling etc.) their previous donations over five years would be traced.

On 21.5.84 Nottingham City Hospital received concentrated red blood cells donation no. 990763. This is just such a previous donation. We do not know what the anti HTLV III status of the donor was at that time. I personally am not quite sure what the Transfusion Service hopes to achieve by this type of follow-up but I am told that it would be helpful if you could find out who received that donation and inform the Consultant in charge of the patient of this finding. I have to ask you to ensure that the recipient is not told because the worry inflicted on the poor recipient would be out of all proportion to the possible risk.

Could you please let me know therefore who received the donation. With a little bit of luck it was not used at all.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. V. James,
Consultant Haematologist.

*Reply - please call Jones Dr Jones -
Recipient has died.*