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13th September, 1983.

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Dear Alec,

Re: GRO-A (Group A Pos) GRO-A

Mary thanks for your letter of the 6th September. This saga is becoming almost as involved as "Dallas"!

Just for the record, I have taken up the question of the safety of the Hepatitis B vaccine with the Department of Health, and a couple of weeks ago was assured that they have carefully considered the risk of transmitting AIDS via this vaccine, and had completely discounted it. They are quite happy that we should use plasma from recipients of the vaccine as source material for immunoglobulin to be used in the treatment of persons exposed to the Hepatitis B virus, and they are similarly happy that those persons receiving a course of the vaccine are at no risk of developing AIDS.

However, if Mr. GRO-A G.P., having begun his course of vaccine, develops lymphadenopathy and night sweats ten years from now, tell him I would be most interested to hear about it.

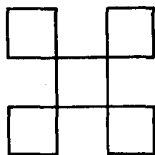
Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

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(Dictated by Dr. Wagstaff and signed in  
his absence)

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6th September, 1983

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Dear Bill,

Re: GRO-A (Group A Pos) GRO-A

Thank you for your letter of the 28th July, re this donor who was being given anti-hepatitis vaccination.

Acting on your suggestion I telephoned to make the arrangements you <sup>proposed</sup> ~~suggest~~, only to be informed by Mrs. GRO-A that their G.P. had now discontinued the course of vaccine injections, on the grounds that the vaccine itself was an imported blood product, carrying the risk of transmitting AIDS!

This is all getting a bit beyond me but I will write to Mr. GRO-A in any case and ask him to present himself at the next donor session and I will inform him that you may be testing him with a view to possible plasma pheresis.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

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