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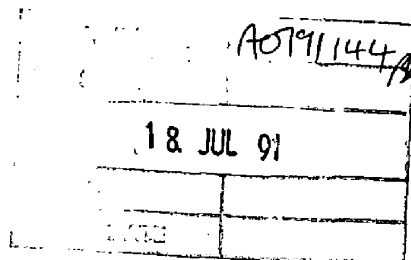
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Dear John

I was pleased to see you at the recent meeting in York and thank you for 'burying the hatchet'. May I respond by apologising for any problems that I have caused you by starting testing this April.

On a wider theme, I am concerned that the U.K. seems to be dragging it's feet over testing. I appreciate that many questions are not answered and for some Transfusion Centres, their organisation will find it difficult to introduce another test. By waiting until everyone's problems etc. are sorted out, we run the risk of accepting the lowest common denominator. I somehow doubt that you would be happy to accept the lowest common denominator approach. The attitude of UK Transfusion Centres has often not been very positive and when we look back at the plasma procurement situation (South of the border) over the years, it presents a very dismal picture. A little more fire and enthusiasm for Transfusion is required and a little less local protectionist activity and negative thinking.

Although I took no offence at your letter about Hepatitis C testing, it's wide circulation has given rise to concerns regarding the situation of many of my staff. You suggested that they should not be included on National Committees etc and this idea might have become seeded in the minds of some who received copies of your letter. The staff in this Centre have carried out their duties absolutely correctly and with the enthusiasm that they bring to all their work. I would be most upset if any of them were penalised in any way for acting on a decision that was taken by me and me alone.

I hope that I can call on your good offices to correct this view should it surface again at any time in the future.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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