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Dear Dr France,

Re: **Patricia Titheridge DoB 25.09.55**

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We spoke about this case some weeks ago, and I thought I should update you now on our progress.

After extensive searching, Mrs Titheridge's microfilmed medical notes were found at St Mary's Hospital. The microfilms have been viewed and some information about her treatment in 1984 and 1985 has been obtained.

Mrs Titheridge underwent total colectomy for ulcerative colitis on 12.10.84. There is a record in the notes of five units of red cells and one unit of FFP. On 8.10.85 she had a resection of a rectal stump performed and four units of red cells were recorded. There is no indication how many of the recorded units were administered to Mrs Titheridge, but we have proceeded to attempt to trace all those recorded in her file. Unfortunately, there are often problems in dealing with information obtained from microfilmed records. I am assuming that the entries were made by hand, and the opportunity for transcription or reading errors is quite high. Of the nine donation numbers identified to us, only four have been positively linked to donors. All these donors continued donating and were tested and found anti HIV negative on more than one occasion. There are a further two donation numbers for which we have not yet found records but we are still searching. We have been able to confirm that one of the donations listed was actually returned to the NBS unused. The final two donation numbers are "rogue" numbers and do not exist. The nearest matches for these donation numbers were in fact issued to different hospitals on a date subsequent to Mrs Titheridge's transfusion. We therefore must assume that these are transcription errors and we will not be able to carry out any further search.

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