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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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3rd August, 1983
(Clinic 28.7.83)

Dr. Carr,
Essex Surgery,
Chesnut Road,
Newport.

cc: Dr. G. Hewlett,
Consultant Haematologist,
Royal Gwent Hospital,
Newport,
Gwent.

Dear Dr. Carr,

Re: Colin SMYTH - d.o.b. [GRO-82]
GRO-C

I saw Colin in the clinic again this week. I understand that he turned up at the paediatric ward about a week ago having falling down and hit the back of his head. He received an intravenous injection of one bottle of 250 units of Factor VIII concentrate and made an uneventful recovery without any evidence of intracranial bleeding. The concentrate which we used was prepared from British blood from the Lister Institute. However, all these materials carry the risk of hepatitis, particularly non-A, non-B, but this is something that haemophiliacs have to accept. Dr. Hewlett and I will keep a close observation on him as the months go by.

I have now heard from Professor Hardisty at Great Ormond Street, that the boy's cousin Phillip Wheeler was indeed under his care having been confirmed as suffering from classical haemophilia, Factor VIII level less than 1%. This is consistent with the findings and the clinical presentation of Colin.

As far as day-to-day treatment is concerned he will probably arrange to be seen during normal working hours as needed at the Royal Gwent Hospital, but it may be advisable in the case of bleeds after hours for him to come directly to the Paediatric Ward at this hospital. No doubt Dr. Hewlett, the parents and I can come to some mutually acceptable arrangement concerning this.

In the meanwhile I have just made an appointment to see him again routinely in six months' time or earlier as indicated.

Yours sincerely,

A.L. BLOOM
Professor