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Witness Name: **GRO-B**

Statement No: WITN2781005

Dated: June 2019

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF **GRO-B**

I, **GRO-B** will say as follows:

1. I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 5 June 2019.
2. My wife, **GRO-B: W** died on **GRO-B** 1987.
3. I have been asked to amplify the matters that I have raised in paragraphs 25, 34, 37 and 52 of my first written statement.

Paragraph 25

4. I think it was either Dr Ackrill or Dr **GRO-D** who told me and **W** that the donor had been given fifteen units to twenty units of blood in an attempt to save his life; one of which had come from America. I believe but I am not sure that it was Dr Ackrill who did the work on looking back at where the blood came from.

Paragraph 34

5. **W** was suffering badly towards the end of her life. I made Dr Ackrill promise that she would not suffer in pain. He said that he would do all he could to ease her pain; he was marvellous with her. I have no criticism whatsoever of Dr Ackrill. He was a lovely man; I could not fault him at all.

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Paragraph 37

6. I cannot remember what Dr Ackrill said to the coroner nor what questions were asked of him. When the inquest had finished I went into the corridor and Dr Ackrill was waiting for me. I shook his hand and I thanked him for caring for **W** I always had the feeling that Dr Ackrill had more to tell us. I do not think he had been lying to us but I do think he had been holding things back.

Paragraph 52

7. As far as I am aware **W** did not have blood products during her transplant operation. I believe that the transfusion given to the donor was whole blood but I am not certain. We only found out later that heat treating blood products would kill the virus. I am only assuming that finance was the reason for not providing heat treated products.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed... **GRO-B**

Dated... 08.06.2019