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Dear Harold,

re: Anti-HCV Testing of Blood Donations

Thank you for your memorandum of 22nd January last. I have discussed, with my colleagues, the optimum time for introducing this test and we feel that 1st July, 1991, would be the most appropriate. Our main problem is lack of sufficient staff and we will have to appoint two extra MLSO's to help with this development. Our other problem, like many other Centres, is that we prepare most of our platelets in the evening and many of these are issued either during the night or on the road ferries the next morning. It is clear that the introduction of the anti-HCV test will prove a problem initially, however, I think that with full training of staff we would be able to cope with this extra test at the beginning of July. My main worry about attempting to start on 1st June is that quite a number of our staff take annual leave during the May Spring Bank Holiday Weekend and we would rather leave testing for a further month.

Yours sincerely,

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