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Dear Angela,

I am writing following receipt of your memo dated 10th January 1997 on the topic of CJD, and the accompanying correspondence from Jeremy Metters. I feel it is important to set the record straight in relation to my involvement in this project to date.

You may recall that Stephen Dealler first contacted me in the latter part of last year to enter a discussion in relation to variant CJD and the potential risk posed by blood transfusion. Following discussion with you I agreed to meet Stephen Dealler and it was at this meeting that he raised the question of forming an independent group to provide information in relation to this particular issue. Prior to the meeting I was unaware of his specific intentions, and most importantly neither I nor other NBS individuals identified in his proposal had contributed to the production of the document.

During the meeting with Stephen Dealler, which I found quite constructive, I indicated that it would be inappropriate for myself to participate in such a group without taking the opportunity to discuss the proposal at a national level. I took the opportunity to talk this through with you and identified my concerns in relation to his plan. Stephen Dealler has not been back to me, presumably he has now had the opportunity to communicate with the other individuals designated on his list. This is a difficult area, and if his group does go ahead I feel it would be beneficial for us to be kept informed of its deliberations, although I recognise the sensitivity of NBS employees being involved.

I believe that my behaviour in relation to this incident has been exemplary and that at all times I have kept people fully informed. I must say that I am a little saddened at the tone of the letter from Dr Metters and I would have hoped that you would have been able to reassure him in relation to my participation to date.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

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Letter on Tape

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**cc:** ✓ Tom Kelly, for information  
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**Subject:** CJD

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Angela

Should our people really be getting involved  
in this group? Who is Dr. Seabell? What would  
the status of such a group be?  
Happy to discuss

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