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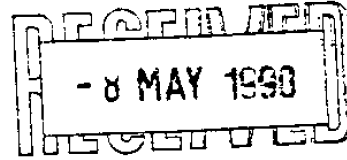
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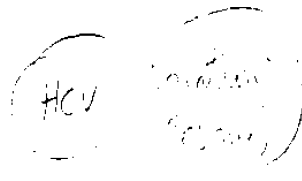
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ANNOUNCEMENT

We are very pleased to inform you that the United States Food and Drug Administration, on Wednesday May 2, 1990, licensed the Ortho HCV ELISA Test System. Kits are now being shipped to U.S. blood centres and screening of the U.S. blood supply will commence immediately.

Ortho is also supplying HCV Test Kits to Europe, Japan, Canada and Australia for blood screening.

The routine availability of the Ortho HCV ELISA Test System marks a new era in the safety of blood transfusions as blood donation centres will now be able to identify the majority of blood that could potentially cause transfusion-associated hepatitis.

We appreciate the many contributions of clinical investigators and collaborators around the world that enabled us to bring this important new test to market.

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