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FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT FOR ROUTINE USE IN THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE OF A SCREENING TEST FOR ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)

You sent me a minute on 4 February reminding me that sub-group 2 approved this project subject to satisfactory costing and arrangements for exploitation.

I have spoken with [redacted] to clarify in my mind the content of the above proposal. As I understand it is for the development of a RIA kit, field trials and follow-up. The project is proposed for two years with a review at one year.

The proposal put to sub-group 2 included evaluation of all the kits on the market by the Middlesex Hospital. This I understand is no longer part of the proposal since it would not be proper for Dr Tedder to be evaluating commercial kits when he is in the process of developing and commercialising one of his own. An evaluation project for AIDS kits will probably come forward as a separate submission.

There is a commercial involvement whereby Wellcome are obtaining serum from CAMR and providing it to the Middlesex purportedly at cost. Wellcome apparently have an interest in commercialising the kit should it be successful. The Middlesex and Chester Beatty have jointly applied for a patent.

I am now satisfied with the project as defined above, subject to STB5, in placing a contract, taking appropriate account of the above commercial implications.

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To see.
I assume X reflects the latest position.

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