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Statement on Topic C3 in response to questions arising from Professor Ludlam's Statement (CAL 30)

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1. Can Professor Cash indicate whether the Z8 referred to in the Memo (presumably heat treated at 80 degrees centigrade for 72 hours) was, in fact, sent to Dr Boulton and if so when did Dr Boulton distribute it for clinical trials?

Answer: I regret I have no recollection of these events, no doubt because I would not have been involved in this exercise.

2. Can Professor Cash indicate whether clinical trials of Z8 were in fact carried out in Belfast and Glasgow. If so when if not why not?

Answer: I regret I am unable to answer this question. However I would imagine that the former Belfast and Glasgow Haemophilia Centre Directors (Dr Maynes and Professor Forbes, respectively) and Dr Bruce Cuthbertson would be able to assist.

3. Does Professor Cash have any comments on paras 11 and 12 of Professor Ludlam's statement?

Answer: (Para 11) I recall being strongly supportive of Professors Ludlam's stance on this matter, but very anxious that the timing of his 'showdown' in April 1985 might seriously effect the development of SNBTS virus safe coagulation factor concentrates. I'm afraid I cannot now recall why there seems to have been a delay in addressing the issue, first raised by Professor Ludlam in November 1983. If this delay is considered to be a matter of importance to the Inquiry Team then further exploration of the archives may be needed and I would be happy to assist. It is possible that I may have contributed to the delay, but I am not aware of this. I note there is reference (para7) to problems of seeking resolution through the CSA. There must have also have been problems within SHHD. Dr Bell will certainly have briefed Dr McIntyre on the issue in November 1983 and again in February 1984. It

is of interest that on 16 March 1985 Dr McIntyre notes that the issue is not new to SHHD (SGH.003.1969), suggesting that the problem may have been lodged with SHHD for more than 12 months without resolution. Finally, it may be relevant that this was a period when my working relationship with SHHD medical colleagues, following events in 1980 and later the issue of Crown Immunity, was in some difficulty.

(Para 12) My request to Professor Bloom may have emerged from previous statements on clinical trials. But I imagine I had hoped that if Professor Bloom offered us help then this might encourage Dr Ludlam to continue to help us, even in the face of further SHHD delays.

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