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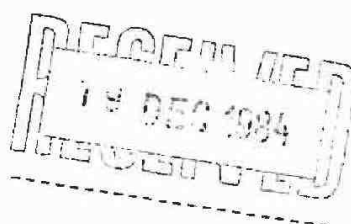
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Dear John

SNBTS A.I.D.S. LEAFLET

Thanks for your letter of December 3rd. Although the AIDS leaflet already has some things about it which are not quite accurate, it would not be wise or practicable to issue another version just yet. I will certainly keep this under regular review.

The points that I can identify at the moment which need to be changed are as follows:

1. State that AIDS is caused by a virus
2. Rewrite the section specifying the geographical areas for which residents or visitors should not donate. This is extremely difficult. It may well have to refer to 'Central Africa' and be backed up by a detailed list of countries (as for Malaria) which is used routinely by staff during donor assessment.
3. The line which currently reads 'sexually active homosexual men should probably be changed to read 'homosexual or bisexual men'.

The Health Education Council has a draft leaflet on AIDS. I will endeavour to get the final version before publication so that anything relevant in it can be included in our own leaflet.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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