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To Chief Administrative Medical Officers
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Dear Doctor

Mr Morrison
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LABORATORY TESTING FOR HTLV III ANTIBODY

The commercially available test kits for the detection of HTLV III antibody have been evaluated by a panel of experts from the Public Health Laboratory Service on behalf of DHSS. A summary of the results is attached. A more detailed account of the PHLS evaluation will be available on request from mid-August.

Laboratory facilities to confirm any test found positive are available at:-

Clinical Virology Laboratory
Department of Bacteriology
University Medical School
Teviot Place
Edinburgh
EH8 9AG

and

Regional Virus Laboratory
Ruchill Hospital
520 Bilsland Drive
Glasgow
G20 9NB

Any queries relating to this letter should be directed to Dr A D McIntyre Room 20, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh (031 556 8501 Extn. 2597 or 2509).

This information should be brought to the attention of the appropriate staff.

Yours sincerely

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