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Dear Sandy,

Screening blood donations for AIDS

I thought you would wish to see the enclosed copy of Dr Alison Smithies' submission on the need to introduce into the NBS a HTLV III antibody screening test for all blood donations. This has been endorsed by CMO & put to our Ministers, but I have not yet had their decision.

I think it is important we keep in touch on this issue; have you any information on what is proposed for NBS? Perhaps we could discuss with you + Dr Bell when Dr Smithies + I come up to Edinburgh shortly?

May I leave you to copy Dr Smithies' submission to your professional colleagues? Some of the development information is commercially sensitive and should not be used publicly!

Best wishes

c.c. Dr Smithies.

Alan T. Williams