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SUPPLY OF AHG CONCENTRATE FOR THE TREATMENT OF HAEMOPHILIA

I wrote to you on 28 March 1973 informing you of recent developments in the availability of freeze-dried human AHG concentrate which had been precipitated by the granting of product licences to two firms enabling them to market their product in the UK. The expert group which met in March reached certain conclusions which are being used as the basis for planning for the future. These included a recommendation that arrangements should be made for central purchase of the concentrate, at least to meet the requirements in the immediate future.

Supply Division of DHSS have negotiated with Travenol Laboratories Ltd and Serological Products Ltd for the supply of AHG concentrate to enable haemophilia centres to purchase this material for the treatment of haemophilic patients in their care. Packs of 250 and 500 units of the concentrate, together with water for injection BP, will be available. I understand that details have been circulated direct to Directors of Haemophilia Centres.

I should like to remind you of the arrangement referred to in my letter of 28 March whereby the SNBTA prepares and distributes AHG and cryoglobulin precipitate for the treatment of haemophilia. Meanwhile the Department, in close co-operation with DHSS, is considering ways of increasing NHS production of AHG concentrate.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Regional Directors in the Blood Transfusion Service and to the Directors of Haemophilia Centres.

Yours sincerely

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