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Dear Dr Cash

I refer to your letter of 30 December 1986 to Dr McIntyre in which you enquired whether the Department approved compensation arrangements whereby patients receiving heat-treated Factor VIII, prepared at PFC, not as an integral part of their treatment but for efficacy trial purposes would be subject, in the event of significant untoward reaction, to the same consideration with regard to compensation as blood donors who undergo immunisation / boosting for the procurement of anti-Rh(D) immune plasma. The question of the ABPI guidelines also arose. It is understood that any such claim for compensation is unlikely.

I can confirm that the Department agrees such compensation arrangements for the clinical trials of heat-treated Factor VIII and that such arrangements include application of the ABPI guidelines. It should be noted that the ABPI guidelines do not provide for compensation except where the damage is severe and permanent, so that a claim on the grounds of discomfort would not be admissable.

I shall be writing to the agency shortly setting out the formal arrangements for compensation.

Yours sincerely

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