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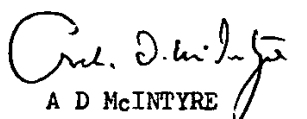
Dear Miss Corrie

I apologise for the delay in replying to your letter enclosing the first of 2 papers being prepared by the BTS Directors on medical staffing and the future of the Blood Transfusion Service. As I recollect when this matter was raised at the meeting of Regional Transfusion Directors held on 1 July 1976 I indicated following a discussion on the training of consultants in blood transfusion that the Department would be interested to hear the outcome of any consideration the Directors had on this subject. It is therefore not really accurate to say, as it does in the first paragraph of the Directors first paper entitled "Future Management of the Blood Transfusion Service in Scotland" that the paper was written in response to a request by SHHD. Since your letter I have had a letter from Dr Wallace confirming that this paper contains the views of the Directors but clarifying the point about the paper being written in response to a request by SHHD.

The paper is being circulated within the Department and I am not yet in a position to send you any formal reply. It is only fair to say however that the SNETS is now formally a part of the NHS and can therefore only be administered in the existing health service framework. On a number of occasions General Jeffrey raised with officers of the Department the question of the SNETS being taken outside the framework of the CSA and on each occasion it was made quite clear that there would be no question of this.

In view of the responsibility of the CSA for the management of the BTS I would suggest that a copy of the paper should be sent to Mr McPhee.

Yours sincerely


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