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Dear Harold

HCV DONATION TESTING : START DATE

Thinking ahead to the end of June 1991 and checking over previous correspondence I think we need to do one more thing in the not too distant future. I refer to defining what "start date" will mean - it's a re-run of the HIV-1 programme.

Whatever the "start date" will be, do we mean that by 9 a.m. on that day all RTC products and those in associated hospital blood banks will be HCV (screen) negative? The definition of RTC products will, of course, be those not from BPL or PFC. If we adopt this definition, then clearly testing will have to commence well in advance of the "start date".

Next we will need, as on previous occasions, to obtain a policy decision with regard to plasma already in bond at both fractionation centres and awaiting uplift (at RTCs) for the fractionation centres. If a decision is made to test aliquots from these donations, the task is doable but formidable.

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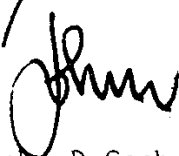
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Sorry to pester but I suspect you will have to pursue Dr Metters' Committee on these topics. Once again we would very much like the SNBTS to stay in line with NBTS/BPL.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John D. Cash', written over the typed name.

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