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Dear John

HTLV-III A/B Testing of Blood Donations

The time has come, I think, when we should ponder on the mechanisms required in the future to release additional funds for HTLV-III A/B testing in the SNBTS, and would therefore welcome your advice.

In simple terms I wish to know what we do when we have an agreed start date for the introduction of screening. The Treasurer of the Agency has quite rightly emphasised that he currently has no authority to release funds. Thus I believe it would be helpful to have the pathway cleared in preparation for what is an inevitably and, as you know, a fairly sensitive public issue.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely

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