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CAL - will talk about problem: see to phone next week.
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Dear John,

I was pleased to learn recently from Frank Boulton that 8Z is shortly to be available for clinical assessment. I have obtained ethical approval to undertake recovery and survival studies in haemophiliacs. I am now awaiting an appropriate commitment from either PFC, SHHD or DHSS concerning the question of indemnity should any of the patients materially suffer as a result of assessing the new factor VIII product.

As you know I raised this a long time ago with SHHD and there has been no response.

I have consulted a number of colleagues at other Haemophilia Centres and there is very great disquiet about the present lack of formal arrangements.

As you know the Haemophilia/BTS Directors meeting at St. Andrews House in February has been fixed at a time that I am unable to attend. This would have been a useful forum to discuss the matter further.

There are many of us who are keen to see a product developed that may well be safer from the point of view of HIV infection and I hope its assessment in vivo will not be delayed by further procrastination at the Department. I should be grateful if you could use your good offices to ensure that acceptable arrangements can be made particularly as I understand Crown Immunity is being withdrawn from the Fractionation Plant.

Yours sincerely,

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I've just received your Prof: Trans Med on approval - clearly we shall have to purchase several copies for our Dept! It looks very good and particularly topical.