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Dear Hilary

It was a pleasure meeting you in London last week. Some points arise:-

1. HIV 2: Blood Donation Screening

I enclose a letter which has gone out to SNBTS Transfusion Centre Directors. You will note that whilst it has much in common with Harold's letter it is nonetheless profoundly different.

2. BMT: Unrelated Donor Panel

I do hope DHSS will be able to support, albeit modestly, the proposals which have come from the UK Blood Transfusion Service Directors. In brief the recruitment and management of the NHS programme should be the responsibility of UK BTS. The registry should be located at Bristol RTC. It is my view that Dr Bradley should co-ordinate the scientific aspects of this programme.

I was pleased to learn that there are now discussions taking place which hopefully will lead to the establishment of a UK group which will concern itself with the long term problems associated with blood donation (microbial) screening. In due course I would much appreciate the opportunity of providing an input with regard to the membership of such a group.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

John D Cash

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