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Dear John,

You will see from the enclosed that Harold Gunson had a meeting at the end of June to discuss the development on HTLV III screening. He invited me to attend and I planned to go but was thwarted by the rail strike which put out the sleepers and filled up the morning flights.

I will be keeping in touch with Richard Tedder about the development of assay reagents and I feel this is something we should discuss in the near future. My understanding (via the American Red Cross people in Munich!) is that CAMR have the cell line and the virus and are pushing ahead rapidly to produce significant quantities of antigen. I think it is highly unlikely that there is a facility in Scotland which could undertake this work.

I imagine there is likely to be a breathing space of many months before a test is available and relevant trials come forward to put us under pressure to introduce screening. Nevertheless, whatever the difficulties may be with CBLA at present, it would seem very important indeed that we do whatever is necessary to retain participation in this development.

I will certainly do my best to keep in touch; let me know if there is anything specific you want me to do at present.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

D B L McClelland
Director

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