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Dear Bob

HAEMOPHILIAC FVIII BATCH DEDICATION

Thank you for the briefing note/copy of letter to Bob Perry.

Two thoughts which imply questions. Have you answers?

- 1 A UK thought. If you will forget for a moment that Scotland exists, or if you momentarily join those who have not even heard of it, the 'global UK' state is of not enough Hertfordshire factor VIII and that which there is will not be 'heat treated' until some time in 1985. So people are importing foreign material.

In the midst of this, a bunch of uncivilised Picts in the misty marshes north of Hadrian's Wall want to sit on a great big pile of their own local home made heat treated factor VIII in order to limit certain batches to certain Pictish patients.

Is this acceptable?

- 2 Suppose we have a larger stockpile to allow individual batches to be assigned to small groups of patients. Then along comes chummy with his 'AXXX test' kit, and from day Z all blood donations get tested. Forget for the moment how reliable, sensitive, and meaningful the new test is or is not. We will have people yelling 'We only want product made from plasma pools made from blood collected after day Z.' Should not we try to use up current, 'pre day Z' factor VIII?

Yours sincerely

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