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Dear Bill

CARE AND SELECTION OF DONORS : AIDS LEAFLET

Many thanks for your helpful letter of 27th November.

I actually believe that the responsibility for the AIDS leaflet should rest firmly with your Standing Committee but that you should, of course, consult relevant experts as appropriate. Against such a background it would seem to be entirely appropriate for Harold's virological team to be consulted and, of course, their advice taken very seriously.

I am also conscious that our mates in England and Wales have traditionally been required to get this leaflet cleared by DOH. This has inevitably produced some delay and permitted a situation to develop in which both timing of implementation and content have differed north and south of the border - providing much putative fodder for the legal profession.

The recent good news of the haemophilia litigation seems to indicate that we are about to emerge into a constructive period that is underscored with the concept of developing systems which consolidate collective defence. I believe there is an urgent need for us now to sort out these system difficulties and have suggested to Harold that we must work together to achieve this end. One move would be to consolidate the position of your Standing Committee as the single UK BTS body responsible for all professional/

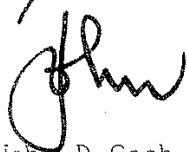
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professional matters relating to the care and selection of donors.
Beyond this we will have to address the **respective** roles of the
Departments of Health on these professional matters.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Cash". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke.

John D Cash
National Medical & Scientific Director

cc Dr H H Gunson

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