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Dear John

I hope the enclosed is of assistance. These figures come from the regular Report I prepare for the joint Haemophilia/Transfusion Centre Directors. It would be safe to say that over 90% of the commercial material is derived from plasma sources that are "American in origin".


As mentioned in our telephone conversation I would avoid the use of the terms "used" and "produced" until we are in much better shape with regard to our book-keeping, and stick to the concept of "issued". This concept covers the movement (issue) of finished fractionated material from PFC to RTCs and the issue of cryoppt. from RTCs to either wards or hospital haematology departments.

We are not sure whether the Gay Medical Association operates in Scotland. Brian McClelland will do his best to find out and contact you directly.

You may wish to include in the statement that an SNBTS heat treated factor VIII concentrate will undergo initial clinical trials within the next 2-3 weeks. This may be of importance because if AIDS is a virus then we would anticipate the heat treated product will be safer.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely


John D Cash

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