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Dear Dr Lane

HCV TESTING OF BLOOD DONORS

We have discussed briefly at the ACVSB the differing attitudes taken by the FDA and some Europeans as to whether non-anti-HCV tested plasma should be included or excluded from fractionation. The controversy had been discussed in depth at the NIBSC meeting in December. Whatever final decision is taken by our own drug regulators, I confirm that plasma collected prior to the introduction of HCV testing by the NBTS can be used for fractionation without time limit. The problems we ran into with the unusable non-HIV tested stockpile should not arise in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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