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Dear Bert

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Transfusion Associated AIDS Research

The SNBTS met on 7th February 1984 and discussed a document (enclosed) prepared at their request by Dr B McClelland.

I have been asked to convey to the Department the views of the SNBTS Directors on this matter. They can be summarised as follows:-

1. That there should be formed a single UK group responsible to the Departments of Health for co-ordinating research in the area covering the interface between blood transfusion and AIDS. This group should have representatives of existing smaller groups already in existence - haematologists and haemophilia centre directors and of the SNBTS Directors.
2. The major areas requiring the attention of this UK group are as follows:-
  - (i) Prospective study in homosexual males and a control blood donor population.
  - (ii) Prospective clinical study to determine value of existing tests in transmitting AIDS.
  - (iii) Studies on autotransfusion, small pool factor VIII and physically treated factor VIII.

I would be most grateful if you would bring those matters to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely

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