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Dear Dr Erskine

I thank you for your letter of 6th February enclosed with haemophilic plasma substrate.

I have little doubt that Miss Patterson will be writing to you personally but I would like to thank you for sending this material. It happens that, recently, we have been stockpiling fresh frozen plasma because we had no substrate for assay purposes. All development of factor VIII concentrates has been suspended for more than five months because we have not been able to spare any substrate from our routine operation to support such activities. Apart from the frustration this suspension has prevented us from putting into practice a number of process changes which were aimed at increasing the yield of factor VIII from available plasma.

We have tested a number of artificial substrates but have, unfortunately, discovered none which meet our requirements satisfactorily.

There is little doubt that Miss Patterson will be back knocking on your door shortly looking for further supplies when I hope that she will be successful but in the meantime, much thanks.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

JOHN G WATT  
Scientific Director

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