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Dear John

DISTRIBUTION OF FACTOR VIII

After our discussion on Wednesday I have made the following arrangements for the distribution of Factor VIII Concentrate, to be effective from 1 January 1981.

Each month when we prepare the total issue from production we shall allocate as follows:

1. The first 15% of the total product will be placed in National Reserve.
2. 70 dose units or 4% of the total issue, whichever is the greater, will be set aside for issue to Inverness.
3. The remainder will be distributed in the proportions of:

Aberdeen	10
Dundee	8
Edinburgh	23
Glasgow	55

We shall try to match these proportions to the nearest whole box of ten units with the deficit being repaired in the following month. This will involve a fairly complex "league table" having to be constructed at PFC and I suggest that when a region may require any issue in advance of the proposed proportion this should be seen as a deficit against the following month(s) unless the extra issue is necessary to meet unexpected emergency demand which would be a legitimate call on the National Reserve. We could try to identify these deficits against regions and bring them to notice/

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notice of Directors at a regular meeting where the deficit might be written off on discussion, either from the reserve or by replacement as plasma.

This arrangement should correct the serious disparities which have developed in relation to Aberdeen and build the National Reserve in advance of the shift experiment. In essence, with the exception of the special arrangement for Inverness, this is the same as the existing arrangement for SPPS which appears to work reasonably well.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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