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CONFIDENTIAL

16th October, 1984.

To: All Directors of Haemophilia Centres
in Wessex.

Dear Dr.

B.P.L. Factor VIII. Batch No. HL 3186

With further reference to my letter RMB/KS/M1/A/16 of 4th October, 1984, and my telephone call of yesterday (my apologies to those I could not contact personally).

I am extremely sorry to have to tell you that the diagnosis of AIDS has now been confirmed. I understand that Head of Quality Control, B.P.L., will be writing to all of us within the next day or two, and that further contact will be made by on the follow-up of your patients. In the meantime, I have been asked to suggest that a policy of discrete surveillance be pursued.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Medical Director

Sent to: Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton.
Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth.
St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.
Southampton General Hospital.
Salisbury Infirmary.
Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester.
Dorchester.
St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, IOW.

Copy to: Regional Medical Officer, WRHA.

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Consultant Pathologist,
Royal Naval Hospital,
Haslar,
Gosport, Hants.

Dear

Blood Donation - AIDS

To confirm my telephone call of yesterday, I regret to inform you that a blood donation taken from a donor now known to be suffering from AIDS was sent to R.N. Hospital, Haslar, earlier this year, was not returned to us, and presumably has been transfused into a patient. Details are:-

Group O plasma reduced blood. Pack No. 003 358 S8
Taken 27th March, 1984. Sent to R.N. Hospital, Haslar,
2nd April, 1984.

of the Middlesex Hospital is aware of the situation and will be pleased to carry out virological studies on the patient concerned should you wish him to do so. However, he would prefer a preliminary telephone call.

Consultant Virologist, Regional Virus Laboratory, Withington Hospital, Manchester, 061 445 8111, is concerned with the follow-up of patients receiving Factor VIII from the plasma of the same donation and is also very willing to offer advice.

Yours sincerely,

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FRCPath,
Consultant Haematologist,
Michael Darmady Laboratory,
Queen Alexandra Hospital,
Cosham, Portsmouth.

Dear

Blood Donation - AIDS

To confirm my telephone call of this morning. I regret to inform you that a blood donation taken from a donor now known to be suffering from AIDS was sent to Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, last year., Details are:-

Group O whole blood. Pack No. PO94352.
Taken 7th September, 1983.
Sent to Queen Alexandra Hospital 20th September, 1983.

This blood was not returned and may, therefore, have been transfused.

It is now thought that the donor received the infection about 2 years ago.

....., Consultant Virologist, of the Middlesex Hospital (01-636-8333 ext. 7393) is aware of the situation and will be pleased to carry out virological studies on the patient who received this blood, should you wish him to do so. However, he would appreciate a telephone call first.

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Yours sincerely,

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