FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT FOR ROUTINE USE IN THE
BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE OF A SCREENING TEST FOR ACQUIRED
IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)

You sent me a minute on 4 February reminding me that sub-group 2
approved this project subject to satisfactory costing and arrange-
ments for exploitation.

I have spoken with to clarify in my mind the content of
the above proposal. As I understand it is for the development of a
RIA kit, field trials and follow-up. The project is proposed for
two years with a review at one year.

The proposal put to sub-group 2 included evaluation of all the kits on
the market by the Middlesex Hospital. This I understand is no longer part
of the proposal since it would not be proper for to be eval-
uating commercial kits when he is in the process of developing and
commercialising one of his own. An evaluation project for AIDS kits
will probably come forward as a separate submission.

There is a commercial involvement whereby Welcome are obtaining serum
from CAMR and providing it to the Middlesex purportedly at cost.
Welcome apparently have an interest in commercialising the kit should
it be successful. The Middlesex and Chester Beatty have jointly applied
for a patent.

I am now satisf’ with the project as defined above, subject to STB5,
in placing a contract, taking appropriate account of the above
commercial implications.

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