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Dear Dr Murie *Chris*

MR DAVID BLACK DoB 01/05/1937 Unit No. 0105371564

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Attended: 11/12/1997 Consultant: Dr Alastair MacGilchrist TRANSPLANT SURGERY

Diagnosis:

1. Liver transplant for hepatitis C cirrhosis - April 1996
2. Previous haemophilia
3. Abnormal liver function tests

I reviewed the Reverend Black in the clinic last week. I was pleased to find him keeping extremely well and working as hard as ever. He has, however, been concerned about quite rapid weight gain. This is a common problem in our transplant recipients and I arranged for him to see our dietician that same day. His BP is fine at 132/78.

As regards his immunosuppression, I note that his Tacrolimus levels have been 3 and 4 mcg/l on the last couple of estimates, and this weeks level was 7. I am ppy with this and advised him to continue with his 1mg twice daily. His other medications are Vitamin C tablets and Ranitidine.

However, with regards to his graft function, his liver function tests are a little concerning. His liver function tests never returned completely to normal and on the past couple of visits his ALT has risen to 130 in August and 153 currently. This is most likely to represent recurrent hepatitis in the graft, although there are of course other possibilities keeping in mind that we have been keeping his immunosuppression very low.

I couldn't bring myself to spoil his Christmas by worrying him too much and have, therefore, simply told him that the liver tests are slightly abnormal and he should attend you for a repeat estimate in January. I would be grateful if you could let me know the results of that. If they are still significantly raised, I



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plan to admit him for a biopsy.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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