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Indefinite Deferral Letter

Date 11-22-2004

Dear Donor,

We sincerely appreciate your willingness to donate blood and are grateful for your support of this vital community activity.

Some of the health history information you provided today indicates that you should not donate blood for use by another person, either because the donation may jeopardize your own health and safety, or because your blood may not be safe for another person.

Reason we could not collect your blood today: *Question 38a on the Blood Donation Record: Lived in Germany from 01-1980 until 09-1980.*

Although you should not donate for others, you may still donate blood for your own use if this ever becomes medically necessary.

We are required to enter your name and identifying information into our register of deferred donors. This list is maintained in order to protect the safety of the blood supply, and is used only by Red Cross personnel. We will not release any information contained in the list without your permission except when required by law.

If you have any questions or concerns about the reason you were deferred, please ask to speak to the site supervisor, or contact:

DMSS/Donor Counselor
1-866-562-7157 or 704-586-1458
Monday – Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm

Sincerely,

Medical Director/Designee

CJD Information Sheet



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Please do not donate if you—

Together, we can save a life

- ◆ Since January 1, 1980 through December 31, 1996—
 - Spent a total time that adds up to 3 months or more in any country(ies) in the United Kingdom (UK). The UK includes any of the countries listed in Table 1 below.
- ◆ Since January 1, 1980 to present—
 - Spent a total time that adds up to 6 months or more in any country(ies) in the UK (includes only time spent in the UK from 1980 through 1996), Eastern Europe (EE), Western Europe (WE) or other areas (OA). The countries included in the UK are listed below in Table 1 and the countries that are included in EE, WE and OA are listed below in Table 2.
 - Received a blood transfusion in any country(ies) listed in Table 1 below.
- ◆ Received an injection since 1980 of bovine (beef) insulin made in any of the countries listed below.
- ◆ Ever received—
 - A corneal transplant or a dura mater (or brain covering) transplant during head or brain surgery.
 - Human pituitary growth hormone (brain extract).
- ◆ Or any blood relative has had Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. A blood relative is your mother/father, grandparent, sibling, aunt/uncle or children.
- ◆ Have been told that your family is at risk for Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

If any of these apply to you, your donation cannot be accepted. If you have any questions, please ask us. We sincerely appreciate your support.

Table 1

United Kingdom, which includes:

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| ◆ Channel Islands | ◆ Falkland Islands | ◆ Isle of Man | ◆ Scotland |
| ◆ England | ◆ Gibraltar | ◆ Northern Ireland | ◆ Wales |

Table 2

Eastern Europe, which includes:

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| ◆ Albania | ◆ Hungary | ◆ Montenegro (Federal | ◆ Slovenia |
| ◆ Belarus | ◆ Kosovo (Federal | Republic of Yugoslavia) | ◆ Ukraine |
| ◆ Bosnia/Herzegovina | Republic of Yugoslavia) | ◆ Poland | ◆ Yugoslavia |
| ◆ Bulgaria | ◆ Latvia | ◆ Romania | (Federal Republic |
| ◆ Croatia | ◆ Lithuania | ◆ Serbia (Federal | includes Kosovo, |
| ◆ Czech Republic | ◆ Macedonia | Republic of Yugoslavia) | Montenegro, |
| ◆ Estonia | ◆ Moldova (Republic of) | ◆ Slovak Republic (Slovakia) | and Serbia) |

Western Europe, which includes:

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| ◆ Andorra | ◆ France | ◆ Luxembourg | ◆ San Marino |
| ◆ Austria | ◆ Germany | ◆ Madeira Islands | ◆ Spain |
| ◆ Azores (Portugal) | ◆ Greece | (Portugal) | ◆ Svalbard (Norway) |
| ◆ Belgium | ◆ Greenland | ◆ Malta | ◆ Sweden |
| ◆ Denmark | ◆ Iceland | ◆ Monaco | ◆ Switzerland |
| ◆ Faroe Islands | ◆ Ireland (Republic of) | ◆ Netherlands (Holland) | ◆ Vatican City |
| (Denmark) | ◆ Italy | ◆ Norway | |
| ◆ Finland | ◆ Liechtenstein | ◆ Portugal | |

Other Areas, which include:

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| ◆ Oman | ◆ Turkey |
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In-Depth Discussion of Variant Creutzfeld-Jacob Disease and Blood Donation

In some parts of the world, cattle can get an infectious, fatal brain disease called Mad Cow Disease. In these same locations, humans have started to get a new disease called variant Creutzfeld-Jacob Disease (vCJD) which is also a fatal brain disease. Scientists believe that vCJD is Mad Cow Disease that has somehow transferred to humans, possibly through the food chain.

There is no evidence that vCJD can be transmitted from donors to patients through transfusion. However, nobody knows for certain that this cannot happen, and animal studies indicate that it is theoretically possible. There is no test for vCJD in humans that could be used to screen blood donors and to protect the blood supply. This means that blood programs must take special precautions to keep vCJD out of the blood supply by avoiding collections from those who have been where this disease is found.

At this time, the American Red Cross donor eligibility rules related to vCJD are as follows:

You are not eligible to donate if, since 1980, you :

- Spent a total time of 3 months or more in any of these countries:
England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Channel Islands, or
- Spent a total time of 6 months or more in any combination of these countries:
Albania, Andorra, Austria, Azores, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Channel Islands, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Falkland Islands, Faroe Island, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland (Republic of), Isle of Man, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Madeira Islands, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Netherlands (Holland), Northern Ireland, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Scotland, Slovak Republic (Slovakia), Slovenia, Spain, Svalbard, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Vatican City, Wales, Yugoslavia (includes Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia)
- Received insulin derived from cattle (bovine) from any of the countries listed above
- Received a blood transfusion in any of these countries:
England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Channel Islands