

# Cutter

January 19,

Mr. Steve Boycott, Warden  
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Dear Steve: --

I have enclosed several papers on AIDS as I said I would. In addition, I just received two new pages concerning AIDS in prisons. For the next month or two, I am concerned that there will be a lot of pressure on our industry by the news media and the regulatory people. We do not want to "rock the boat" as far as the Bureau of Biologics is concerned by opening a new center in a prison. We want to wait until the facts are more clear before we make our commitment.

We first became aware of AIDS early last summer. At the time we were not concerned because there was no reason to believe we would be affected. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta was saying that the number of AIDS victims was growing by 100% every 6 months. It has almost done that. This summer there were about 500 cases. Currently there are over 100 just in the U.S. It appears that the disease is fatal in all cases. There is strong evidence to suggest that AIDS is passed on to other people through blood transfusions and plasma products. Specifically, one ACP prisoner was to treat hemophilia, but apparently passed the disease on to 9 hemophiliacs. Cutter manufactures an ACP product therefore we are very concerned about our donor pool and their background.

I hope this gives you enough background and information to explain to your inmates and superiors why we have not begun construction on the new center yet. We are hopeful that something will develop in the near future so we can test for AIDS just like we do for hepatitis B. This would solve all of our problems.

I will keep in touch and continue to send you any information which seems pertinent to your prison operation.

Sincerely,



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