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Cook Requests Winston's X-rays, and to trawl for badly managed patients, together we will make great programme

07/12/90

26 November 1990

Dear Professor Winston

Just a note to let you know where we are at present.

Anat Rajuan, at present does not want to discuss her situation, but her husband may do so when he returns from Israel next week. I don't hold out much hope in this case.

Regarding Miss Langton, could you inform me whether evidence exists (x-rays or written notes) to prove that prior to visiting the IAC, in 1987 she had a severely malformed uterus and therefore should not have undergone seven attempts at IVF. For evidential purposes we would need copies of any material, in confidence.

If you have had time to look at the perganol doses for Kelli Taylor, I would be interested in your interpretation.

I still require further examples of bad management relating to the clinics we are interested in. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Who are you putting your money on for the leadership battle? A week's a long time in politics.

Please give me a call at the office, I'll be in all day on Tuesday.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

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Dear Robert

I have spoken to Bob and Kim Capes from Gillingham in Kent. She underwent AIH at Gladys clinic in London where the sperm was washed and inserted.

On the way home she collapsed, was physically sick and fell unconscious in the street. She was taken to hospital and was advised her AIH had been "very roughly" administered.

After this bad experience she decided to visit your own clinic in May of this year and has nothing but praise for your management. As she has been a patient of yours, in your opinion is this case worth highlighting?

I would be interested in speaking to Bonnie Cotton who received GIFT in Liverpool despite the fact that she had been sterilised, telephone 021 429 1398.

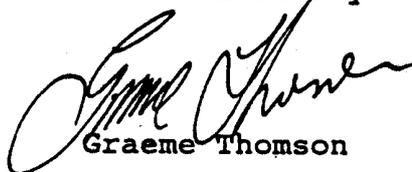
Could you advise me if Phillipa Langton's x-rays from the Whittington Hospital confirm severely uterine abnormality.

I still, desperately need more couples who have been badly treated.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your family, and of course Josie, the compliments of the season. I am confident, together we can make a superb programme that will inform and make all those concerned sit up and take notice, but right now I need couples on camera.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

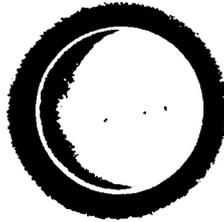


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Addendum

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14 November 1990

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Prof R Winston
Director of the Fertility and IBF Unit
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LONDON

Dear Robert

Would you be so kind as to take a look at the information enclosed and inform me whether the drug dosage prescribed to Mrs Kelli Taylor seems excessive.

I would be grateful for your comments regarding her clinical management in as far as you can determine from these notes.

For your information Mrs Kelli Taylor was harvested for her eggs, thirty being retrieved at one time - however Craft claimed only seventeen had been retrieved. Eight of the alleged seventeen were described by Craft as viable, three were implanted none of which were successful, of the remaining five viable eggs there is no trace.

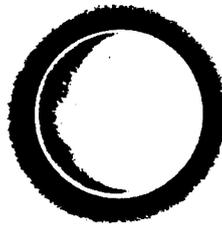
As a result of the hyperstimulation Mrs Taylor spent two weeks in intensive care at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester. Dr Warrell treated her. He has been instructed by Mrs Taylor and her Solicitor to release her files if he sees fit.

On a separate matter, the two Directors who resigned from Serono between February and April 1989 were Mr W Middleton, Mr P G Goldsworthy, and Mr D Brown who resigned on 6 September, 1990. Is there any relevant information you can give me regarding this matter?

Thank you very much for your time, with kindest regards.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Thomson



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Mr Walsh
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29 November 1990

Professor Winston

Fax No 081 458 4980

Dear Professor Winston

Further to our conversation earlier today, I enclose a verbatim transcription of the treatment received by a Derby patient at the Humana.

There appear to be similarities between this woman's treatment and that of Mrs Taylor.

X I have taken on board your warnings and that is something I now have to work on.

However, as Graeme has no doubt pointed out to you, as laymen there appears to be a superficial cause for concern.

One thing I would like to point out is that neither Mrs Taylor nor her Solicitor have been able to obtain her full history either from Humana, Warrall or Lieberman in Manchester.

As I mentioned, Mrs Taylor has instructed solicitors in Australia, where she now lives, to investigate the matter.

X Bearing in mind the warnings you gave me I would be obliged if you could contact me after reading these notes with any advice you could proffer.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Calverley

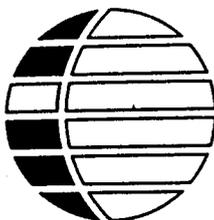
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"warnings" may relate to Winston's realisation of 'danger' in overexposing his role.

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Professor R Winston
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Dear Professor Winston

To bring you up to date, so far we have a good programme, but not a great one.

There is an essential element missing which will make everyone sit up and take notice around the country.

The one element I know of that would turn this programme around concerns the woman who paid thirty thousand pounds for infertility treatment when the fact that she hadn't got a uterine cavity meant she was incapable of becoming pregnant that way.

I understand she has consistently refused to talk about her experiences, but can I ask you to approach her once more. Please inform her that its the Cook Report and initially we simply wish to talk in confidence about her experiences. This can be in the presence of her lawyers, which we would pay for, or within any other situation she would feel happy with. We could also send a letter routed through your office explaining the programme and our objectives. *

As you know, people are naturally cautious of the media, but a meeting in confidence face to face often serves to expel many concerns and misunderstandings with no obligation.

Could you please let me know the outcome as soon as possible. Once again, thank you very much for all your help.

Yours sincerely



Graeme Thomson