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RE: Norma WINDSOR - continued

21st May 1999

NHS NO: Code A

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With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Dear Doctor,

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I would be grateful if one of your specialists with expertise in allergic dermatitis were able to see this lady who is requesting a second opinion.

Her past history is rather complex and I am enclosing photocopies of various letters I have had from Portsmouth regarding her to give you the full story and so that things are not duplicated. She unfortunately developed glands in her neck in February 1998 and on blood testing was found to have chronic lymphatic leukaemia. She was referred to Dr. Geen our local haematologist who put her on CHLORAMBUCIL. Unfortunately she quickly developed a dermatitis affecting the trunk which Dr. Green felt was likely to be due to a side effect to the drug and discontinued it and changed her therapy. Unfortunately the rash did not settle despite discontinuing the drug and there has been doubts expressed as to whether this was a true allergy. As it kept recurring she was seen by Dr. Cook from Portsmouth whilst she was an in-patient and he at that time felt that this might be a pemphigoid rash rather than an allergy rash. She has been subsequently seen in his clinic and had various tests done and the letters now seem to indicate that this is most likely some form of chronic urticaria of unknown origin.

Unfortunately poor Mrs. Windsor had a heart attack in 1997 with subsequent coronary angiogram which does indicate a need for bypass surgery. She is rather loth to consider this because of her constant itching skin as she feels bed rest would be virtually impossible. The couple have rather lost confidence with the numerous diagnostic changes in Mrs. Windsor's rash and are very keen to have a second opinion to try and arrive at a definitive diagnosis and more importantly, curative treatment. I have tried to point out to them both how difficult it is to deal with chronic urticaria where there is no obvious cause. However, I would be very grateful indeed if you were to see her