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Dear

Thank you for your letter and the points raised.

I have just had completed a breakdown of climatic conditions in this region for UKLF and I enclose a copy for your perusal.

As regards a blood bank, while we have blood on the hoof in the base this is relatively limited as some people on essential flying duties and services are not available. The number of times we can tap a captive donor population is also limited. Masirah is 200 miles away and not much use. A blood bank is of use to store blood taken from SAF forces in Um el Gharwiff where we have a large number of native troops. At present we cannot tend these in emergency as they are too far away when casualties arrive. There is moreover a certain reluctance on the part of certain members of the forces to be bled for native troops.

These factors I feel weigh in favour of a blood bank.

As regards our return home, five members of the team are stationed in BAOR and when firm dates are arrived at possibly air bookings to BAOR could be set in motion for those members.

Yours