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Dr.H.Joffe,  
Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist,  
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Dear Hymie,

re: Gareth ECCLESHARE Dob 25.7.75  
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Thank you for asking me to see Gareth again who has tricuspid atresia and isolated dextrocardia, acquired pulmonary atresia, transposed great arteries and a functioning right Blalock shunt.

We saw his angios in the meeting some time ago. Unfortunately, I have not had a chance to review them with you again, but would positively like to do so. It is clear however, that he is suitable for a Fontan operation and I think there can be no doubt that his pulmonary artery pressure will be low.

I discussed things fully with mother who is well informed about the options, the only realistic alternative is, of course, a shunt, but I think it's limited long-term benefit makes it a less desirable option than the Fontan. It's only attraction is that the immediate risk is, of course, lower than the risk of the Fontan. Mother and I had a frank discussion about these things and we have agreed that a Fontan procedure is right. I would hope to carry it out in the Autumn and plan to see Gareth in the first two weeks of September in order to decide the precise timing. I hope it will also be possible for them to have seen Dr.Wardrop in Cardiff, during the latter part of August, so that he can make any further comments about his polycythaemia.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*J.D. Wisheart*  
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Cardio-Thoracic Surgeon

cc Dr.C.A.J. Wardrop, Haematology Dept. University Hospital of Wales.  
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