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Dear Harald:

I hear much exciting in the Papilloma story. When you get a chance drop me a note. Better yet, stop here again this year. We would love to hear about it.

An update on the AIDS - HTLV connection: In my view since I last wrote to you it has become somewhat more likely that HTLV may be involved. We now has 18 isolates, including several from antibody negative people. More interesting, Max Essex and Wade Park's data on the antibody to a membrane antigen which I worried might be to a cellular antigen is in fact to a HTLV envelope protein precursor. In any case the story is in my opinion much more interesting now.

I know we will be crossing paths at some meetings soon. I am looking forward to seeing you. I met Yamamoto in Cambridge, and I have corresponded with him since. You are absolutely correct: a fine young scientists and a very nice person.

Best wishes for 1984.

Sincerely yours,

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(Dictated by Dr. Gallo but signed in his absence.)