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Dear Jim:

Since our previous conversation, I was surprised to hear from others that CDC was making a comparison of LAV and HTLV-III. This is in conflict with our previous agreement, that you would not use any of the materials we supplied to you for comparison purposes. We have received Montagnier's cell line, which is not cloned and is a poor producer. We have cloned it, and in two weeks should have the final results of the comparison. Dr. Brandt is fully aware of this and our progress to date.

Sincerely yours,

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Robert C. Gallo, M.D.

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