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Dear Luc:

I have made appropriate corrections or deletions in my book in response to your concerns. In the meantime, I have been deeply disturbed by your and Wain-Hobson's implications that I "lied at some point." Your statement, if you truly said it, is libelous and outrageous, and must be immediately clarified. If there is a specific point and time when you believed that I lied, please have the decency to say so, and I will clarify the issue. Otherwise, this is a cheap fanning of slander.

If this is not corrected, quite obviously there can be no future discourse.

Otherwise, I stand by my invitation for you to participate in the annual lab meeting. For science and for patients, you should get past this problem. These last events were not created in Bethesda. I am the one who received the stupid attacks, not you.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Gallo