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Dear Ms.

Your recent note to me is at once both humorous and sad. You tell me I am pompous, to give my ego a rest, to give credit to other etc., and you point to an article in which I am the only person quoted as saying positive things about work of others. How utterly fantastic!

More incredible is the fact that the very French work I was complimenting (and hence giving credit to others) was totally trashed by other U.S. scientists. See enclosure #1. Apparently, you get your insights and history from some of the ridiculous media and notably the HBO film.

It is not that you have been manipulated by the media; rather it is that you have allowed yourself to be manipulated by some of the media.

You never met me. You know nothing of me, and you know nothing of the true history of these events. You then slander me, and you call me egotistical. What shall I call you?

For your information I also enclose some other articles, including one on the HBO film. I hope you will understand the general draft.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Gallo, M.D.

Enclosures