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Dear Wade,

Thank you very much for your most thoughtful comments and recommendations. They will form the basis of our recommendations here. In addition, I deeply appreciate the personal letter from you. I always knew you were among the sharpest of the people I knew in the virological sciences; what I did not know was your obvious passionate dedication to disease understanding.

I believe our task force will stand. It won't be shoved aside because we have by far the best group of people for solving the AIDS problem, and in the end anyone interested in the resolution of the problem will have to turn to us. The politics will never be able to abolish this because of self-serving "turf" interests of some. Yet, we do not need to move on the funding in disease oriented human viral oncology especially in the human retroviruses. I will do everything I can at this end to "champion" this cause.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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