

**Memorandum**

Date November 28, 1984
From Chief, LMM, NIAID
Subject Origin of the AIDS Retrovirus
To FOR THE RECORD

At 4:30 today I received a telephone call from Dr. Jay Levy. He was quite upset because of pressure being put on Dr. Murray Gardner by the NCI staff not to publish data presented at the Montana workshop. He likened the situation to "a Watergate coverup" and stated that all data pointed to apparent theft of the French AIDS virus by Gallo. He told me that a paper showing the heterogeneity of AIDS virus isolates had finally been accepted for publication by Nature. I assured him that his work as well as papers "in press" from the Pasteur Institute would be important in unraveling the priority issues.

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