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Dear Frits,

Just a note to tell you we are about to release all our AIDS information. I believe we have the cause. It clearly is in the HTLV family by all criteria. It is closer to II than II is to I. We call it HTLV-III. I will fill you in detail when we meet next. Actually, we have had this isolated for almost two years but couldn't analyze in a way I would have wanted my name attached to, until a breakthrough in growing it so that we could do the analyses correctly.

See you in June if not before.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

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