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Dear Jim and Don,

I have had time to further think about things. I want to express specifics now, for full collaborations.

1. The collaboration initiated with HTLV clones to Jim Mullins involves my lab. All data Jim has is to be openly discussed with Flossie Wong-Staal, myself, and Bill Haseltine in detail.
2. Any further experiments by Jim Mullins with CDC with any molecular reagents of HTLV should be done with full disclosure of the plans in advance to me, my approval, and possible involvement of our lab.
3. The HTLV-II(MO) comparisons will be done in my lab. and Bill Haseltine's lab., as they should be. No one else has the clones to give out. Therefore, we should receive DNA from this cell line as soon as possible.
4. Molecular cloning of the genes of the new CDC HTLV-related isolate is a collaboration. It can't be isolated without utilizing initial clones from my lab.
5. The above collaborations which I propose do not necessarily mean co-authorship by me or people in my lab. but in most cases they will. In no case would I expect high level authorship visibility, i.e., my colleague(s) and I need not be first or last authors on anything related to the CDC isolate. In other collaborative efforts this will be discussed in advance. I feel that things have to be spelled out, because the more I reflect upon it the more I feel it is necessary that ~~is~~ a clear understanding, advance plan, or a line of authority regarding objectives, goals, and relationships.
6. We will be glad to help in the molecular analysis of all CDC isolates.
7. I will supply any and all isolates we have (published or unpublished; for animal work.)
8. I will, of course, make all collaborative data available as soon as it is verified.

9. All retrovirus - AIDS-related data from my lab. will be made available to CDC prior to publication.
10. I will provide specific antibodies and some other viral reagents (as much as possible).
11. I will supply ~~some~~ T-cell growth factor.
12. Regarding HTLV sequencing by Cy, this is your decision. However, both you and Don recently stated that molecular biology would clearly not be done at CDC. As part of the NCI scientific task force on AIDS, it was recommended that Bill Haseltine do the chief sequencing work with input by Gilden. If you people want to do this too, I recommend it be done with Bill. You will need him or someone like him.
13. I expect regular primary high priority tissue specimens from CDC, and collaborations on the analysis of new viruses.

If you cannot agree to the above there will be no hard feelings on my part. I would hope to still have regular detailed discussions with you and Don, but I cannot make molecular clones and other valuable reagents available directly or through other individuals. If you do agree, I will need to understand the lines of communication in this collaboration and at policy level in the virus collaborative work and in day-to-day discussion. If you have any further requests of me please let me know.

14. I hope you will send us your cell line CT 1114 as requested in a more specific letter.
15. I hope you will send us fresh blood samples from the "normal" donors who are antibody HTLV positive (and whose blood apparently gave AIDS to a recipient) for virus isolations.

Sincerely yours,

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(Dictated by Dr. Gallo but signed in his absence)