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Dear Dr. Lifson,

Thank you for your letter of February 13. I will be happy to send you HTLV-I and HTLV-II producing cell line. For HTLV-I Est 102 is really not the best. We are frequently using C91/PL and C10/MJ2.

Regarding the French LAV: 1) They do not have it as a line and in that sense they have never isolated a virus (virological definition) isolation is when you can make a virus available to others for characterization by successful and permanent transmission). 2) Their particles have not been characterized and their immunological results have not yet included evidence of specificity i.e. I'm not sure what they measure. We have numerous other isolates from AIDS, different from HTLV-I and HTLV-II. They will be available after they are well characterized and published. Write to me for these again in May - June period. ~~So you do not have a line needed in the HTLV-III MA~~

Sincerely yours,

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