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Dear John:

Nature and Science have great power. They influence many scientists in a way that a reporter in a newspaper cannot hope to. Consequently, they also bear greater responsibility.

As the editor of Nature, as a scientist and as a friend, why did you feel it necessary to rehash all of Crewdson's most vicious innuendoes or assertions in the recent editorial pages concerning my simple decline of a press interview? This editorial has hurt me very badly --- enough so to initiate the worst form of gossip against me at a place like Johns Hopkins.

The situation is hard and depressing enough. I need some patience and understanding until the interviews are completed. Above anyone I looked to you for both.

Best regards

Sincerely yours,

Bob

Robert C. Gallo, M.D.