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Memorandum

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From : Robert C. Gallo, Scientific Director, AIDS Task Force

Subject : Hiring of NCI - Collaboration by CDC, NCI

To: Dr. Vincent DeVita, Director, NCI

THROUGH: Dr. Bruce Chabner, Director, Cancer Treatment, NCI
Dr. Peter Fischinger, Associate Director, NCI

This is to bring to your attention a matter which I find unfair if not outrageous at two levels. Dr. Kalyanaraman has worked at Litton Bionectics on an NCI contract relating key elements of LTCB work for several years. He is almost the last person we have in that important contract. In his position he trained with and under Dr. M. Sarngadharan. In all respects Dr. Sarngadharan was his mentor. Recently, to fill a large gap in our internal LTCB protein biochemistry I proposed bringing in Dr. Sarngadharan to our lab. The committee favored a GS-13 rating for this scientist. ~~Never~~ ~~would~~ ~~have~~ ~~suggested~~ ~~Dr.~~ ~~Kalyanaraman~~ ~~because~~ ~~I~~ ~~am~~ ~~sure~~ ~~he~~ ~~would~~ ~~not~~ ~~have~~ ~~made~~ ~~NIH~~ ~~tenure~~. Meanwhile, CDC offered Kalyanaraman a GS 14-2 tenured government position to do precisely what he was doing with us on HTLV! This position is equal or above a major section head in molecular biology with me, Dr. Wong-Staal and of course a whole grade above the proposed rating of Dr. Sarngadharan who trained Kalyanaraman!

We are all part of the same government and even the same agency. As you can well imagine developments like this can hurt morale. I can understand that CDC doesn't measure by the same yardstick NIH uses but this is just a bit too much.

I raise this point not to request any action or inquiries but to share my concern about these matters.

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