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Subject: Collaboration with Pasteur Group on molecular analysis of LAV

To the best of my recollection, we had originally set up a collaboration through Dr. Barre-Sinoussi to molecularly clone and analyze LAV. They sent us a small amount of DNA from infected cells, which was only sufficient for a few Southern blot experimtns with our HTLV probes at the time and we did not detect any hybridization (Beatrice Hahn performed these experimtns). They also sent us some "virus supernatant" for cDNA synthesis, but we were unable to recover any RNA from it. We wanted to continue the cloning and analysis work on LAV and requested more material from the Pasteur group (Barre-Sinoussi/Cherman/Montagnier) but were told by Dr. Montagnier in July 1983 that they now would pursue all molecular studies of LAV within their own Institute. Subsequently, we turned our attention to viruses isolated and propagated by Mika Popovic in our own laboratory.