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DEPARTMENT OF CANCER BIOLOGY

MEMORANDUM

To: Don Francis, Jim Curran, Harold Jaffe

FROM: Max Essex

Re: Blood Donor - Transfusion Cases

DATE: September 21, 1983

I believe it is extremely important that we try to isolate HTLV from the antibody positive blood donors who donated to transfusion AIDS cases as well as the cases themselves. If we can get materials from several such "pairs" where the case is still alive (doesn't matter whether the case is antibody positive or negative) it would appear to be extremely important to get fresh cells from both donor and recipient in as many pairs as possible. I know that some of these may already be frozen but I think it would be important to go back to the people to get fresh material from the few sets where the case is still alive and the antibody donor is available. Furthermore, when available I think that the issue is so important (from the standpoint of potential etiological proof) that all three labs should get these materials to increase our chances of growing out the cultures and thus get enough virus to detect. I think that Bob Gallo's lab is the most important for this because they certainly have the most experience in deriving T lines. However, obviously we should all try (with Mary Fran here and your people in Atlanta) with the idea of sharing the cultures and the information. I hope this is satisfactory to you and we can begin very soon.

Personal regards.

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cc: R. Gallo

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