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Dear Dr. Gallo:

During our recent telephone conversation, you offered to provide me with several documents which bear on the discovery and isolation of HTLV-III (HIV-1). I am writing to remind you of your offer, to reiterate my acceptance of same and to provide you with the address to which the proffered materials may be sent. They include:

1. The patient designators (NOT patient names) or internal sample control numbers (such as "W" numbers) attached to each of the 48 samples of patient material in which the virus HTLV-III was detected by your laboratory.

2. Details about the several other isolates of HTLV-III which you had growing in permanent T-cell lines on May 4, 1984 (the date on which HTLV-III was published). (So at the time IIIb was published you had a number of other isolates growing in permanent culture?)

3. The citations for the papers in which the characterizations of the 5 or 6 other isolates of HTLV-III (in addition to H9/HTLV-IIIb) were published by your laboratory.

4. The note of Dr. Sarin reflecting at least three detections in February, 1983, of a new, novel retrovirus which later proved to be HTLV-III.

5. As you no doubt know, we did ask under FOIA for any available evidence showing positive EMs of isolates SN, BK and LS as reported by Dr. Popovic in Science 224:497 (May 4, 1984). What we received were unintelligible photocopies of a few micrographs. If you have correspondence or other documents from Dr. Gonda, Dr. Karmarsky or some other electron microscopist reporting positive detection of lentivirus by EM prior to April 19, 1984 in material from patients SN, BK or LS, we would be grateful for same.

Sincerely yours,

