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Dear Sam:

The earliest I can get back is Wednesday afternoon. I really have to be at Eigen's meeting a few days.

I spoke with the Boston Globe Editor, Loretta McLaughlin. I know from my long conversation with her, it was clear, first that someone had really worked on her, and second, that someone was very likely Jim Watson. In this regard, Watson is the one most agitating the situation -- locally and perhaps elsewhere. I am reasonably sure this is partly a personal thing with him from his own personal guilt over the Rosy Franklin affair. He likes to see other scientists to as bad or worse, and they two most go through a purging. Deep in his heart I think he is torn and a good guy -- now possibly harmful. * (see footnote)

Bob Charrow offered help if we need it. As you know, he was the lawyer who handled the agreement. He said he could ethically help if we, NIH or NCI, called him, and he would pro bono with advice and information. If you don't have his telephone numbers, they are: Home - (301) 657-4328, and Office - (202) 624-2890.

Also, and perhaps more important, as I indicated to you, Bob Gray called to offer help. All of us (here), and I know you feel the same, feel that his help now directly (even if very careful) with Dingell et al. could backfire. He was proposing to delicately arrange a private meeting with Dingell. Sam, I would like to suggest that you and I meet with Gray if he is out of town one of his staff. He has a lot of insight. Would you do it? I think it would help me. If so, the afternoon of February 1st is tentatively set up for your approval.

In the past week, Crewdson has sent the article to all the gay activists in the U.S. -- those in any organization. I do not know how he got their names and addresses, urging them to write to Dingell. A few called me to say it might back-fire[#] because of time lost to do research, etc.

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As I already mentioned, it has also been sent all over Europe and notably to all the people who attend the Annual Lab Meeting. - (as recent as last week original copies sent ^{KIRSTEN KNOWS ABOUT THIS})

A summary of Temin's discussions with me yesterday: he says two interesting points:

1. Why is this being done? Strange and interesting motives. He agrees about Watson. He is puzzled by Stewart. Dingell obvious.
2. Only Big Blow-up would occur if:
 - a. Gallo goes public,
 - b. Dingell has hearings,
 - c. National Academy of Science gets involved.

"Gallo should respond only if Gallo is spending too much time on it and/or there is probability of Dingell going forward. I said both are -- yes. Therefore, he believes, and I concur, that I should cooperate with Science and Nature and also make available rebuttals to the Chicago Tribune, asking them with the help of a private lawyer, to publish it (and perhaps facetiously) if they will send photocopies to the world as they did with Crewdson's piece. - *BUT NOT NOW - ONLY AFTER evaluation is complete*

Finally, we feel strongly that NIH maintain control of a review process. Temin thinks any National Academy of Science visible involvement will make it out of control, unprecedented, and greatly enhance Crewdson's credibility. - *Watson pushing for NAS. He even went to see Jim Wang.*

I am sorry to have to bring all this crap to you. I know you have more than your own share of problems. I do hope we can meet on Thursday or Friday, and if you agree, with Bob Gray and/or with his staff on February 1st. Finally, remember if you are available, the dinner January 29th with Temin, Dani and Zagury.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Bob

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enclosures: (my letter to Jennings? & Bob Gray's staff. @ Marshall Goldberg's letter.

Maxelline thinks other motives - political ones, Baltimore is attacking the human genome project. Also, Watson getting some