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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Jules Hallum, Director, Office of Scientific Integrity, OD, NIH

FROM: Special Assistant, OSPL, OD

RE: Management of "Tufts/MIT" and "Gallo/Popovic" Cases

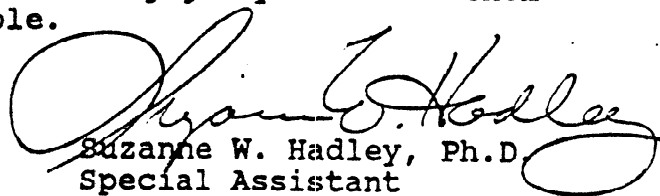
This is to confirm our telephone conversation of Friday morning, June 28, in which I asked that direct operational responsibility for the "Tufts/MIT" and "Gallo/Popovic" cases be returned to the OSI as soon as possible. As you know, when I embarked on my detail in OSPL, I volunteered to see these cases through to completion. Both you and Dr. Raub accepted this offer and agreed that these cases could be completed in my office in Building 1. I would like to be able to honor my commitment with respect to these cases, but it is now clear to me that it is not possible.

I regret that in recent weeks, there have been repeated incidents in which communication problems and other difficulties concerning these cases have emerged. The most recent incident occurred last Thursday afternoon, June 27, when I was informed that I was not to handle the "spin-off" investigation from the "Gallo" investigation. Shortly thereafter, I was informed that: (1) all my records and documents on the Tufts/MIT and Gallo cases were to be returned to the OSI; (2) all further work on the cases was to be done at the OSI; and (3) I was not to make further decisions in the cases. I understand these orders arise as a result of Dr. Healy's concerns about the handling of the "spin-off" investigation. A memorandum commenting on these issues is attached.

The change in our original understanding precludes the possibility of honoring my original commitment, since ready access to all records is fundamental to working on cases of this sensitivity and complexity. Moreover, it is essential that the activities and strategies associated with the Tufts/MIT and Gallo investigations be conducted with the full support of you and Dr. Healy. I am concerned that without that support, further association with the cases will be harmful to the OSI and to me.

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Since I am unable to function effectively under the changed circumstances, all files, documents, etc. related to the Tufts/MIT and Gallo/Popovic cases will be returned to the OSI, and I will cease further involvement with the cases, effective immediately. I will be glad to brief you or your designee(s) on the status of the cases, but wish to disengage myself from them as quickly and completely as possible.


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Attachment