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Mr. John Crewdson Chicago Tribune 435 North Michigan Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Mr. Crewdson:

The article you wrote in Chicago Tribune dated August 18, 1987 - "Scientific rivalry may be hurting AIDS fight" was sent to me by my wellwishers in Chicago. It is sad that the article was nothing but distortion of facts, and sensationalism has taken priority over truth of the matters. Perhaps, you can look over carefully the documents I enclose in this letter. The agreement between U.S. and French AIDS research groups was signed by referees from NIH and Pasteur. I hope it will clarify some of the misconceptions in your mind.

Sincerely Yours

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Enclosure

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