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Dear Michael:

Following up on our conversation yesterday, while I recognize that you are obtaining from NIH all of the relevant documents concerning the Gallo matter, including the documents not given to Institut Pasteur in response to its Freedom of Information Act request, I wanted to expressly bring to your attention the following documents which were recently referred to in the French press. We request that these documents be included in the materials you review, and which you would forward to us on an informal basis. These materials are:

1. a document dated November 28, 1984 by Dr. Mikulas Popovic
2. a document dated August 14, 1985 by Dr. Robert Gallo
3. a document dated August 19, 1985 from Dr. Gallo to Dr. Fischinger
4. a document dated August 14, 1985 by Dr. Gallo

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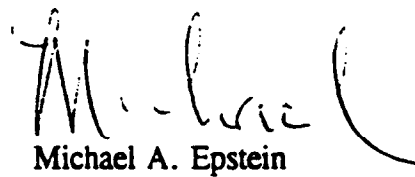
5. a document whose date I do not yet know authored by Dr. Popovic and sent to Howard Streicher.

As I mentioned, given all that is happening, time appears to be of the essence -- certainly on the French side. Ira and I would therefore appreciate your pushing this to the top of the list.

Thank you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Epstein