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Dear Bob,

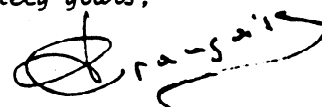
Thank you for your letter of June 27th. I am really sorry to be so sensitive, but to explain my feelings I should remind you of several points: I was in your lab in June 1979 for 6 weeks and at that time, I was working on the effect of antihuman interferon serum on the production of retroviruses by human B-Lymphoblastoid cell lines surinfected with simian retroviruses. Our work on human retroviruses and AIDS in the Pasteur began in January 1983 and we acquired HTLV1 reagents from you in March 1983.

At that time, the first LAV isolate had already been obtained, and we asked you for these reagents in order to compare our viral isolate to HTLV1.

These points may be minor, but they reestablish the true facts which you have neglected to mention in the many articles you have published all over the world.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,



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