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Dear Bob:

Thank you for giving us a stock of your HTLV-3 infected lymphocyte line. It will be most valuable as a source of antigen for serologic testing in support of CDC's epidemiologic investigations.

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In keeping with this same CDC mission approach, our second major need is for an uninfected cell line most suitable for primary isolation--that is for diagnosis by virus isolation from clinical specimens. Now that public health laboratories are already anticipating involvement in diagnostic and screening serology, we know that primary virus isolation and identification for use in the diagnostic setting will be quick to follow. Our first involvement in this will be with State health department laboratories.

If with the "same constraints on use" as we agreed to in regard to the infected cell line (or different constraints--as you wish), it were possible for you to provide such an uninfected cell line, we would be most appreciative. Because so little has been published about the variables of primary isolation of HTLV-3, we would, of course, wish its development to be collaborative. Please let me know how you wish us to proceed with this matter. Thank you.

Best regards--see you in Sendai.

Sincerely yours,

Fred

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