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Dear Luc,

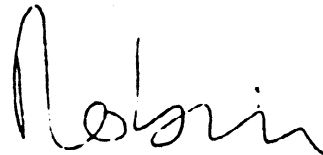
Many thanks for looking after Rachanee last week. She enjoyed her visit to Paris and it was very good for our labs to establish contact in this way.

I hope that we shall soon be able to confirm our preliminary results with VSV pseudotypes to LAV and HTLV-3, and determine whether patients have neutralizing antibodies, and to publish this with you and Gallo.

I am glad to hear that Sarngadharan arrived in your lab at the same time as Rachanee. I was with Bob Gallo the weekend just before and spent much time persuading him that Sarngadharan should indeed go, as had been arranged previously. I do not know if you realise just how much politics is going on at the moment in the USA and that your name is being used by CDC to exacerbate difficulties that I believe you yourself have no part in whatsoever. I therefore persuaded Bob that it was imperative for your laboratories to co-operate. In that sense my weekend in Bethesda was probably more valuable than all the research we are pursuing in London. I hope, therefore, that Rachanee is allowed to tell me the results of Sarngadharan's tests!

All the best.

Yours sincerely,



R. A. Weiss