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Dear Dr. Gallo:

Your letter surprises me. You may certainly have a direct knowledge of the documents I sent to H.H.S. Dr. Fishinger heard the statements I made, which have been verbatim reproduced as conclusion in the documents sent to H.H.S. I have proposed an amicable settlement, considering that "I do not believe that public disclosure of all the facts underlying the present contestation will enforce in the public a good image of Science and Scientists". The demands we made are correctly reproduced at the end of the paper of September 26. I do not believe that these demands are unreasonable.

As you know, our request for the opening of a negotiation has been answered negatively. I believe this answer absurd, inelegant and destructive. I wrote again yesterday to Mrs. Heckler in the hope of a change in attitude.

If there is no change we will go to court beginning November, with regret but with confidence.

If you agree with us that an amicable settlement would be much better, it is up to you to make decisive actions during this time.

Sincerely yours,


Raymond DEDONDER

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