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Dear Dr. Dedonder:

I am enclosing a recent syndicated article that has appeared in numerous newspapers in this country. As you can see, it is a truly outrageous account with obviously malicious implications. If these charges stem from the Pasteur Institute, it would simply destroy the basis of any future honest and open communication between us. It is, therefore, urgent that you disavow these untrue allegations directed to me and my laboratory. They are gross, crude, and an injustice to your institution as well as to ours. Even though the Anderson article refers to a U.S. Government document, the charges and accusations are attributed to the Pasteur Institute. If you understand that they are false, it is essential to disavow yourself from them. If you support them, please reply to me in writing.

Sincerely yours,

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