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Dear Francoise,

Your letter of July 12 is perplexing and disturbing. You say I neglected to mention in many articles "published all over the world" that you got HTLV-I to compare to LAV, and that you worked for six weeks in my lab. on B-cells. Any points I made regarding your visit and stay in my lab. were only made to show that we were close collaborators when the press was saying and trying to stress that the two labs. were at each others throats. I have only said to anyone in the press that you were here to learn some techniques for growing cells and that we had supplied you with TCGF. I did not even bring these points up until there was a flood of negative comments appearing daily.

Sincerely yours,

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