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Dear Jim:

I am puzzled by the continual use of LAV by yourself and Steve McDougall. As we have discussed periodically, the generic designation of the virus as HTLV-III/LAV, especially where we have provided virus, is most appropriate at this time. I am enclosing a copy of my views on the scientific basis for naming for your information. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Bob

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