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Dear Yohei,

Thanks very much for your nice letter of April 24. I am having Carl Saxinger send you the monkey sera results separately. We will be writing a combination paper concerning data from several primates, and we will be including you as an author, of course. The pressure here on me is unusually severe. I have accepted an additional new responsibility, to be Scientific Director of the new NCI program on the Etiology of the epidemic Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). This has greatly increased the pressure on me. Speaking of AIDS, we and others have some hints that an HTLV type of virus might be involved. We wonder if it has ever been seen in southern Japan. If there is none and if an HTLV is involved it might, of course, be a variant of HTLV prevalent in the Black (Africa-Caribbean) population and/or that Japanese "resist" the immune suppressive effect. Let me know your thoughts and any results on this.

We have just published two papers in PNAS on HTLV molecular biology and the long paper is in press (with you and many co-authors) in Cancer Research. Another paper just came out in J. Exp. Med. on familial studies. A few others on the Caribbean story are in press. This is developing quite remarkably. Nonetheless, I still get terribly stressed and distressed by Hinuma. He has teamed with a sick, paranoid man, A. Karpas in England, and Karpas in particular is doing many bad things like sending out insane letters to all journal editors that I took the virus away from Hinuma! Finally, my father just had a major heart attack, so despite my apparent successes I don't feel very happy.

Kind regards my friend.

Sincerely yours,

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