

**Memorandum**

Date September 17, 1987

From Director, NCI

Subject (Distribution) of (Reagents) from Dr. Gallo's (Research Program)

To Dr. Richard H. Adamson
Director, DCE, NCI

Dr. Howard Temin was recently briefed about the Institute's (AIDS) research program prior to his assuming responsibility as Chairman of the NCAB Subcommittee on AIDS.

In the course of the discussion, he raised the issue of availability of reagents to the extramural community and expressed his serious concern over any restrictions on their availability and his feeling that this is an issue of utmost importance. He informed us that the general impression in the community is that Dr. Gallo restricts availability of reagents to collaborators. He indicated, and we agreed, that this is undoubtedly an exaggeration that relates to the great deal of attention Dr. Gallo receives in the course of producing such a prodigious amount of work. Nonetheless, the perception is as much a problem as the reality and we promised Dr. Temin that we would explore the issue.

It seems to me that it would be appropriate to ask some members of your Board of Scientific Counselors to conduct a review of the distribution of reagents from Dr. Gallo's laboratories as well as contractors that collaborate with Dr. Gallo. This fact finding mission should not disrupt the research in progress and will be used as a means of providing the NCAB Subcommittee on AIDS the necessary information at a future meeting of the Board, probably in February or May.

I believe this review will be useful to Dr. Gallo. He has been generous in developing and distributing his resources and the information collected and made available by Dr. Temin will go a long way to alleviating anxiety.

I hope you can set this process in motion quickly and without disruption and collect the data expeditiously before the first of the year. Please let me know if you foresee any difficulties.

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