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Dear Luc,

To confirm our phone conversation of this morning, I would like to request your cell line for comparative purposes. As we discussed, there is money available through a French-American exchange program for us to pay expenses for a member of your laboratory to visit and bring clones of LAV to my lab. for hybridization and sequencing experiments. I feel this is fair since the last exchange involved Dr. Sarngadharan bringing rabbit and patient antibody, disrupted virus and our producer cell line to your lab. for comparative studies. The next logical step is to carry out molecular analyses of the viruses.

In reflecting on our conversation, you mentioned that no one in your lab. would have time to come and work on these final studies, and yet Dr. Chermann, Dr. Barre-Sinoussi and yourself have spent a great deal of time recently touring the United States presenting talks and setting up collaborations. I expect to hear from you in the near future to set a date for a member of your team to visit my lab. and bring your clones. I am ready and looking forward to these next experiments and will wait to hear from you. If I cannot be reached please ask for Dr. Ann Sliski or Dr. Prem Sarin.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Gallo, M.D.

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