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Dear David,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. Yes, yes, we were very disappointed. We do still feel that the fact that "bigger guns" are willing to speak out and say there will be no epidemic and express doubts about the very existence of HIV and its presence in Factor 8 is extremely important. But in a way you are right that the programme we were offering you would have provided more polemic than proof.

SO... we have come up with a stronger approach, triggered by your question, "How, in *Dispatches* terms, do we achieve a clinching piece of investigative journalism?"

In order to answer the question why "AIDS is all over" we shall demonstrate exclusively for *Dispatches*, through a series of simple lab experiments and blood tests on HIV positive and negative volunteers, that the genetic sequences said to represent HIV are already within the cultures used to "isolate" HIV and also in all of us (endogenous), making HIV no more than a laboratory artefact.

We have for some time been discussing with Dr Stefan Lanka ways of demonstrating that the genetic sequences (stretches of DNA) said to be specific for HIV can, in fact, be found in antibody negative people as well. They are said to be endogenous.

Bearing in mind that HIV has never been isolated (Montagnier admitted he had never isolated HIV to American gay activist Jeremy Selvey last month in Paris) we consider that Lanka's theory can be proved experimentally which would clinch the matter.

Our specially designed *Dispatches* investigation would involve three separate tests which would be carried out in several different labs and checked by John McDonald, Professor of Genetics at Athens, University of Georgia, and John Papadimitriou, Professor of Pathology at the University of Western Australia. This can be done at relatively little cost.

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The tests will be billed as "preliminary", and they will force the government to conduct further large scale studies, as occurred after our specially commissioned experiments on cot deaths. As you know, no funding has been forthcoming for AIDS studies that do not accept the conventional line.

A description of the proposed tests is attached together with an estimate of the costs.

By way of a footnote, we have just spoken to Professor Alfred Hässig in Switzerland. He says the following:

"To state that HIV kills CD4 cells is the biggest mistake in the HIV/AIDS hypothesis. The AIDS syndrome is caused by a stress response. This is clearly seen in all AIDS patients, when their CD4 count goes down and their CD8 count remains the same. This is a classic stress-induced neuroendocrine response.

Anthony Fauci, the doyen of AIDS research himself pointed this out in the early 80s with a paper showing that if you inject cortisol in order to induce a stress response, it will produce the same hyperactivity of the B cells as observed in people with AIDS."

"Isn't it odd", says Hässig, "that Fauci should have conveniently forgotten his own paper when HIV came on the scene?"

Häassig would make another important big gun for the programme. He was head of the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service in Switzerland for 37 years.

Michael and Hector will be in daily contact with me in the DR through our office. I really think this is SO important that I can come back at a moment's notice with my open return ticket.

I look forward to your response,

Yours,

Joan Shenton