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Dear & Kangas

Thank you for your letter which arrived whilst I was on holiday. We have now discussed your request carefully. When I spoke to you I said that we had a number of laboratories working together and that we felt most aspects to be covered adequately. We have direct collaboration proceeding with Dr. Weiss' and Dr. Beverley's groups which includes evaluation of sera for HTLV markers and setting up of long-term cell cultures from peripheral blood and nodal mononuclear cells. I have to abide by the decision of the group which is that at present we do not see a justification to increase the number of collaborating laboratories.

Personally I thank you both for your offer and for your reprints. Although we cannot agree on collaboration I hope that we will be able at some time to offer material from patients to research workers in the U.K. in order to help to control what is really quite a nasty disease.

