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Dear Alison,

Since seeing you at the Working Party meeting, I have now caught up with my correspondence.

I am just writing to confirm that in view of (a) having a local, independent isolate of the AIDS retrovirus and (b) the requirement in Dr. Brandt's letter for the U.K. to negotiate with American commercial licensees, we should probably drop the use of any American reagents in scaling up our methods for serological screening and develop our own independently.

We are continuing discussions with Burroughs Wellcome and PHLS at Porton and Colindale to expedite development of our own reagents.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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