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Dear Jim,

Skip and Bob Poindexter have arrived and I'll keep you in touch with developments. I'm actually writing the letter about miscellaneous matters.

1. I got a nice note from Ann Hardy about AIDS case numbers in Zaire, so that the international listing can be brought up-to-date. This simple request actually gets complicated, since I know that the government is not at all interested in publicizing the disease. I'm concerned that any non-Government of Zaire data sources would be strongly criticized. For the project's benefit, could you or Ann write a letter to Kalisa asking about reporting of AIDS cases to CDC? The optimal thing would be for you to write him a letter (his reading ability in English is excellent) which you can send to me and I'll hand deliver. It might say that you want to maintain up-to-date case number listings, and you would like to know whether the Department of Public Health would be willing to provide this kind of data on a ?monthly ? quarterly basis to CDC. If so, he could indicate to me what data he wants to send and I'll forward it on with his blessings. Could you also share this thought with Ann, so that she knows I'm responding to her note? Thanks.

2. I'm very pleased that you might be able to come to Zaire in late November or early December. I think it would be invaluable to see the terrain, to help review current progress and future plans, to meet the key actors, and to see, taste and experience some Zaire! I won't say anything about the possible visit to Kalisa or others at this point, but as soon as plans are firmed up, we'll go the full 9 yards (whatever that expression means...)

3. For December: is there any chance I could meet with some French (eg, Institute Pasteur) scientists, or Geneva (WHO - Dr. Assad) people to justify a company trip to tie in to my proposed vacation?

4. Does CDC pay certain physicians' expenses such as fellowship dues to American College of Preventive Medicine?

NO

5. On the scientific front: we have pretty much completed our Ngaliema Hospital study (seroprevalence among hospital staff) with a whopping 750+ participants from a total of 800 staff. This was a voluntary program, but very well organized and operated (major credit to the hospital nursing staff and administration). We have also received the first batch of sera from Peace Corps, which includes about 60 sera from volunteers who have already spent 2 years in rural Zaire. I would really like to get that batch of sera tested soon - what do you think?

Best wishes and regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the initials 'L' or 'Lr'.