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Dear Ms Robertson,

## **Penrose Inquiry**

I refer to your letter of 24 February, offering me the opportunity to comment on my manuscript response: "Thanks. Yes it is OK" to the question posed on document A. I can confirm that, given the state of knowledge about AIDS and its causative agent at that time, this was the appropriate answer to the question as posed.

I am afraid, given the passage of time since these events occurred, I cannot speculate on the circumstances in which the 'standard line' was formulated and subsequently maintained.

Yours sincerely,

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