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Dear Howard:

I am delighted that you will help with the nomenclature business. I agree it would be helpful to have some discussion, but a meeting seems prohibitively expensive, and a multi-continental conference call difficult to arrange.

I hope a consensus can be reached by mail, but the tenor of letters like ~~Dave's~~ *Dan's* do not auger well. What do you think of "human AIDS virus"?

Conflicting engagements (and a distaste for the previous meeting) will keep me from the gene therapy meeting on April 1. However, I will make a particular effort to be on hand for consideration of the first proposals, and I hope to see you then.

I agree with Gould's sentiments; Thanks for the copy.

Best regards,

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