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Dear Matt,

This is a quick answer to your letter of November 21, 1985, about Dengue fever in Cuba. As I told Julian, who happened to pass by yesterday, there is no way that I know of whereby one can pin down such an accusation, and I believe it would be unwise to try. In fact, my recollection is that Dengue hemorrhagic fever affected the entire Carribean area in 1981 and that we had anticipated such an outbreak for a number of years. I am leaving now for London for two weeks and when I get back I will check this with WHO.

In sum, I would certainly discourage Morton Halperin from undertaking an investigation.

Thanks also for your comments on the draft of the BW statement. I am going over this with Julian and he is preparing a slightly revised version based on comments that we have received. Most of them were completely in favour of the statement.

We shall incorporate your suggestions.

All the best,

Yours,



Martin M. Kaplan.