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Dr. Morton H. Halperin
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Dear Mort,

In response to your question regarding Dengue fever, I wrote, as I told you, to a person with a life-time of experience in international human and animal health problems. He is Martin Kaplan, who happens to be my cousin. Kaplan was scientific director of WHO, and now is Secretary General of Pugwash.

I agree with Kaplan that it would be extremely difficult to distinguish deliberate introduction of Dengue fever from natural occurrence.

Sincerely yours,

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and Molecular Biology