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TO : Acting Director, DCT, NCI

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FROM : Head, Family Studies Section
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SUBJECT: Kaposi's Sarcoma Studies

The recent NCI-CDC workshop on Kaposi's sarcoma was very stimulating. I was very impressed, in particular by the data presented by the NYU group. The interdisciplinary approach that they have developed is exceptional, and the amount of data they have accumulated, given the short time they have been at it, is impressive. As funding is being developed by NCI for further studies of this new disease, I think it is very important that we demand of grantees that they (1) enroll patients on a common protocol; (2) systematically study patients, employing virologic, immunologic, immunogenetic, and carcinogenic/mutagenic approaches; and (3) enroll all patients in the CDC case-control study. It would be advantageous if centers from one geographic area that might be competing for a limited number of cases band together to maximize the potential for etiologic study. Thus, a consortium of universities could blend their talents in a comprehensive etiologic and therapeutic program.

As I mentioned to you, Dr. Jim Goedert has pulled together some fascinating data on a group of clinically unaffected homosexual men. His results and interpretations are attached for your information. Since these are unpublished and preliminary data, they should be held in confidence.

If any of our group can be of assistance in developing strategies (Jim has already been advising CDC), please feel free to call upon us.

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*To Bill DeWys
Have any proposals re
Kaposi's materialized
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