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The Editor
The New Scientist
Commonwealth House
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Dear :

I am writing to you regarding the article published in the August 8th 1985 New Scientist entitled "Ministers delayed launch of AIDS test" and would like to refer you to the first paragraph stating that "Abbott Laboratories which developed the U.S. test, accuses Britain's D.H.S.S. of delaying approval until a British test was available".

It should be made absolutely clear that at no time has any member of the Abbott Laboratories U.K. personnel issued or made such a comment, and I would be grateful if you could print this retraction in the first possible edition of the New Scientist, or alternatively supply the name of the member of Abbott personnel that you are quoting.

Unless you can supply the name(s) of the individuals involved, we should like you to print a retraction of our name from the article which you will appreciate does not help our Company's case in the least.

Yours sincerely,

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