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ABSTRACT

John C. Martin begins the interview by describing Gilead when he first joined in 1990. Martin recalls first crossing paths with Gordon E. Moore when he joined the board and became CEO of Gilead around the same time period as Moore joining the board. Martin then reflected on serving on the Gilead board with Donald Rumsfeld and Moore; Moore's experiences at Intel helped shaped policies of the compensation committee and audit committee on which he served. Next Martin discussed Gilead's no-profit tiered pricing policy and the impact it has on developing countries. Martin concludes the interview by offering thoughts on Moore's corporate role as a scientist and his day-to-day personality.

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