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Dear Bill:

Upon my return from Washington I looked up the translation of the Russian paper in which the CO₂ method was used for eliminating anticomplementary and non-specific H-I inhibitors and found that they only give a reference to an earlier Russian paper that was published in 1943. As best as I can make out, however, all they did was to bubble CO₂ gas into the serum (it did not say whether or not the serum was diluted or how much or how) and removed the resulting precipitate. Supernatant fluid presumably was then suitable for their work.

I am writing to Dr. Smorodintsev in Leningrad to ask him for a detailed description of the technique that they are using and will let you know as soon as I have a reply.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Dr. W. Paul Havens, Jr.