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Dear Albert:  

I have had several communications from Webbie, and he has told me of the fact that Hammon is to send you his strain; that he is to repeat Hammon's experiments on viremia in chickens; and that I am to consult with the Sharp and Dohme Company about many of the matters which we have discussed, but in particular about the possibility of their being willing to prepare formalized antigens for use in the complement-fixation tests.

I have written to Tommy Francis asking for his experience in dealing with commercial houses on problems such as the one you have raised about your vaccine. I favor the preparation of your two vaccines in amounts of not more than 3,000 to 5,000 doses, provided the company is willing to share, or take over, the expense, and provided that at the earliest opportunity that one of these, preferably St. Louis, be given some sort of a field trial.

As I see the situation now, if an emergency should arise, and an epidemic comes along, the clamor would be raised—"Why isn't there a vaccine?" And our answer could be "There is, but it has not been tried sufficiently."

It was indeed nice to see you again, and I appreciate very much your having come to New Haven, last week.

As ever,

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