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Dear Dr. Paul:

This letter deals with the question of the proposed report on the vaccination of Japanese children in the Okayama area. It reflects the expressed opinions of members of the Committee following circulation of General Sams' letter of 30 March 1951 in which he approved publication and suggested authorship.

It is agreed by all that neither Dr. Ando nor Dr. Satterwhite is sufficiently acquainted with the background data and the total progress over the entire period to actually write the paper. Colonel Tigertt has now written a preliminary manuscript which he has submitted to all of us for consideration and suggestions, and we feel that he is the logical person to have undertaken this responsibility.

In regard to authorship, the following suggestions have been made:—

1. The actual writer of the paper should be listed as one of the authors; thus, if written by Colonel Tigertt he should be listed as an author.

2. Dr. Kitaoka be recognized in a suitable way as a Japanese participant because of the active role he played in the project.

3. Dr. Sabin, Dr. Satterwhite and Major Burns all be recognized for the important role each played,—the first as the one who conceived the plan, gave it birth and mothered it all the way; the second for his important field work; and the last for much of the laboratory work.

4. None of the group is acquainted with the role Dr. Ando has played in these studies, but there is no objection to including his name among other authors.

The Subcommittee expresses some surprise at the authorship recommended by General Sams and wonders whether, in the light of the suggestions presented above, he might not be willing to reconsider the matter and extend the list of authors. If the latter appears undesirable perhaps
he would look favorably upon substituting the name of Colonel TigerTT, the actual writer, in lieu of Dr. Satterwhite.

Very sincerely yours,

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