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Dear Albert:

These are comments on your letter of 9 May 1951 to Grant Taylor in Japan in which you discuss plans for this year for the skin test with Japanese viral antigen. This is to call your attention to a letter of mine, dated 1 August 1949, addressed to Colonel Tigertt, then Commanding Officer of the 406th; copies were sent to Taylor, Paul, Sabin and Bauer. This letter to Tigertt contains a summary of the data on the crude and purified mouse brain Japanese antigens together with their normal mouse brain controls. These antigens in 1949 fulfilled in considerable part the specifications for the viral skin test antigens which you suggest for this year. These materials were sent to Tokyo via Grant Taylor in August of 1949. They were not used that year and the following spring when the question came up about their being employed during the season of 1950, we suggested that those materials not be used. However, on 17 April 1950 in a letter from Captain Weil to Grant Taylor we offered to make a fresh quantity of antigen for study that year. If further correspondence on the matter was forthcoming, we have no copies of it in our file. These comments are merely to indicate that we have maintained an interest in the subject and have provided laboratory materials but nothing has come of it.

Joel Warren will leave Uppsala about June 1st. He and Virginia, who is joining him in Sweden, will take a month's vacation in Europe. Hence, Joel will not be back until early July. Pond is rather heavily engaged at present in work of the neurotropic virus laboratory and cannot be spared conveniently to go into the business of making skin test antigen. Hence, it will be impossible for Warren to prepare any material for use this coming summer and it is extremely unlikely that Pond can do it.

Congratulations on your new election.

With best wishes,

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