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Mr. Harold F. Gray
2540 Benvenue Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Harold:

It was very thoughtful of you to sit down on Christmas Day and write me a very kind note which reached me a few days ago. I often think of the fine, and sometimes not so fine, times we have had together in Tokyo. A very excellent photograph of the entire staff, which we believed lost, has finally come through, and I must say that your presence in it certainly adds distinction. I have asked for some extra prints and as soon as they come, I will mail one to you.

I have been so busy with work on material that I brought back from Japan that I have had precious little time to sit down and do any writing. I have obtained the most fantastic and unbelievable results not only with mosquito adults, but also larvae and pupae, as well as ticks, cattle lice, and hog lice, which I brought back from Japan. I am still working on it and for that reason do not wish to say anything very specific at this time. However, in contradistinction to all the negative results in Tokyo, the employment of a different method on the frozen material seems to have yielded nothing but positive results here in Cincinnati.

I have not yet had an opportunity to do any tests on the sera that you brought back from Fukuoka. The five different strains of virus which we have studied here were obtained from different Japanese investigators in Japan. One of them has now turned out to be a strain of Rift Valley Fever Virus; another, a strain of fixed rabies virus; and three others, which I obtained in Kyoto, appear to be bonafide dengue viruses which are immunologically identical with strains I have isolated myself on previous occasions.

With all good wishes and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Albert B. Sabin, M.D.