Prof. Albert B. Sabin  
The Children's Hospital  
Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

Dear Prof. Sabin:

the Virus Section of this Institute has organized a tissue culture laboratory with the aim of carrying out studies of the epidemiology of poliomyelitis in Brazil as well as diagnostic work. At present time, culture of Hela cells is being done routinely in this laboratory after a preliminary period of personnel training and technical standardization. There is now a need for strains of poliomyelitis virus which may be of help in becoming acquainted with the properties of this virus. We would thus appreciate it if you would furnish us samples of variants apathogenic for the monkey or which on primary isolation showed little pathogenicity for this animal. Furnishing both the original and the variant strains would be even better.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Very truly yours:

Ariosto Bailer Souto, M.D.  
Director

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