Dear Docteur SABIN,

I thank you very much for your kind letter and for sending me replies the question that I took the liberty of asking you about your strains for seed virus.

As I have (unless I am mistaken) to prepare a reference virus or seed lot from your original virus and then control the value of this lot, I think that I shall need 50 ampules of one milliliter of each antigenic type or 50 ml.

In fact, I should like to make comparisons by using the different markers suggested and also the neurovirulence tests in monkeys. In case I meet with a few difficulties and need to remake a test, I should prefer to have a certain margin.

If you agree this, I should be most obliged if you would write to Dr PERKINS to ask him to send 50 ml of each type to the National Laboratory of Public Health or to give these strains to Dr NETTER who will be in the PERKINS laboratory, for a week, at the end of November.

With many thanks in advance,

Yours sincerely,

Professeur R. SOHIER:

PS.../...
P.S. - I should like to inform you confidentially that before the National Laboratory of Public Health has established minimum requirements for the production and the control of live polio vaccine which follows your directions very closely, Dr LEPINE has presented a text which gives only very vague indications for the preparation of live vaccine. Besides, in his introduction, he suggests that he is thinking of replacing two of your strains by two of his own at a later date.

But I was above all most surprised to see that for testing the antigenicity of your live vaccine prepared with your strains, he intends to inject the vaccine in chicken.

Would you be kind enough to give me your opinion about this antigenicity test?