November 2, 1963

Germany

Dear [Name]

In reply to your letter of October 28, I should like to say that the unfortunate illness, which your husband developed one week after receiving the type II oral poliovirus vaccine, bears no relationship to the vaccine he had taken. You, undoubtedly, realize that the various illnesses which occur in human beings without reference to vaccination, also can occur in people who have been vaccinated against polio.

I regret very much that I cannot offer a diagnosis of your husband's illness. The physicians who have been taking care of him are in a much better position to do that than I. I hope that he will soon recover.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

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