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Dear Dr. Sabin,

You have been quoted in Congressional testimony as putting the cost of producing one dose of your oral polio vaccine at 2 cents. The Public Health Service, by asking \$1 million for 3 million doses, whenever the vaccine is produced, seems to put the per dose cost at 33 cents.

Could you tell me the basis for your estimate? And if you are aware of it, the basis for the PHS estimate? The suggestion now is that PHS anticipates a 1500 per cent markup by drug manufacturers in selling your vaccine.

Incidentally, I am also asking PHS for its reasoning on this point.

Very truly yours,

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