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Dear Fred:

Many thanks for your letter of March 21 and the newspaper clippings which I forwarded to Doctors Gharpure and Jhala.

Dr. Farnsworth sent me a copy of the mimeographed program outline of the Maricopa County vaccination effort as well as a summary of the coverage they obtained. I was highly impressed and I wrote him that I have become a very enthusiastic proponent of the Arizona technique for community-wide oral polio campaigns. In view of the announcement of the licensure of type 3 vaccine that is expected today and the recommendation for community-wide programs that will go with it, I believe that a publication in the J. A. M. A. describing the organization and achievements of the "Arizona SOS" programs should appear at the earliest possible time.

I was particularly interested to note that your coverage of the 3 to 12 month age group (should it be 3 to 11 month) was 83%. I have been wondering whether the 58% figure for this age group that Dr. Farnsworth indicated for Maricopa County may have been based on a calculation of the total population under 1 year instead of the population of 3 to 11 months. I hope very much that in any publication that you people may get out there will be included many of the details of the organization and I would like to urge you not to leave out the importance of the tally sheet by age groups which was provided at each clinic in Maricopa County which makes it possible to obtain a rapid estimate of the coverage that has been obtained. This is of importance so that if one finds that the total number of pre-school children who received the vaccine has been too low, a further intensified effort can be made to

* perhaps also in the Am. J. Pub. Health
Cover this age group before the program for any one type is finished.

With regard to your remark about the large size of the sugar cubes that you had to use, I should like to mention that we used the commercially available Jack Frost 1/2" sugar cubes which were quite satisfactory. Ultimately, I suppose the American manufacturers may also have the vaccine in candy form similar to that used in the U. S. S. R. and South Africa.

With best wishes and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

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cc: Dr. S. F. Farnsworth.

P. S. Enclosed is a copy of a nice little letter that I received from an 8 year old in Tucson.