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Dear Dr. Sabin:

It is a long time since your visit to this country and many events have taken place thereafter.

The Faculty of Medicine finally decided upon the creation of a Virology Dept. and I have been assigned with the responsibility of its organization. The initiative was sponsored by The Rockefeller Foundation through a substantial grant for basic equipment. The Dept. has a staff of six full-time research workers, technicians and technical assistants. We are engaged at present in basic research in Virology, at a later date our work will extend to epidemiology and pathology.

The HEp2 cells you kindly sent us have been extensively used by Dr. Avendaño, Dr. Mac Ginty and ourselves. At present we shall greatly appreciate if you can send a fresh supply of HEp2 cells. Now it will be possible for us to keep a frozen stock in an electric -70°C deep freeze and it would seem highly advisable to start with a new supply since our cell line has gone through bacterial contaminations in the past.

We shall appreciate if you can send us Reoviruses, types 1, 2 and 3, preferably strains adapted to human cell line cultures and the corresponding cell line. A reprint of your article in Science 130 (1959) 1387 and later ones plus further information shall be greatly appreciated. We think that the system reovirus-host cell will be a very useful model in the studies of the replication of RNA viruses. I hope I am not troubling you excessively with our demands of cell lines and viruses.

We have to present a paper "Poliovirus interaction with HEp2 cell DNA", at the Sixth International Congress of Bio-
chemistry, end of July 1964, New York. I wonder if there will be a chance to see you while I shall be in the States from June 28 to August 6.

I shall be looking forward to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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