Dear Dr. Sabin,

I have received your letter of December 8th. and thank you very deeply for sending the reprints.

I am always interested in the problem of antipolio vaccination and have delayed my reply, as I wished to give you some precise information about the tests I should like to carry out on your "Attenuated Live Virus Poliomyelitis Vaccine". I think it would be suitable to begin our experiences on subjects inmates of mad houses of any age and of some infantile Institutions (such as foundlings hospitals or Institutes sheltering nervous children); all of it would consent to perform investigations on virus elimination and on neutralizing antibodies behaviour and, above all, would be a good example as to the inoffensiveness of the vaccine, to apply it in free infantile people afterwards. As you can think, there are several difficulties to be overcome in order to obtain permission to experiment in such communities, so much so more that the above permission has to be granted by administrative authorities. Of course, I am also evaluating the possibility of the investigation on human volunteers.

I shall inform you about the state of the different steps and I reserve to myself to give you further information as soon as possible and, while asking you to remember me in the try you intend to carry out, I thank you and am with best wishes for a prosperous 1957 and kindest regards.

Yours sincerely

( A. Giovannardi )