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Dear Capt. Prince:

Thank you very much for your letter of 31 July. With regard to your question as to the availability of 38 million doses of trivalent live polio vaccine in the United States I would say, that in view of American requirements I doubt that this would be available until the middle of 1962 or later. However, this amount of vaccine is now available in Belgium, and from a recent telephone conversation that I had with Dr. Frederick Brady of the International Cooperation Administration, in Washington, this agency has under consideration the question of paying for oral polio vaccine bought from sources outside of the U. S. A., such as Canada, England or Belgium.

Although, for personal reasons, I have not yet given my final reply regarding my visit to Japan, it is now highly likely that Mrs. Sabin and I will be going to Japan on or about September 15 for a period of about 3 weeks. I am looking forward to visiting the 406 laboratory at that time and I shall be especially interested in the work that you are doing.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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P. S. I forgot to say that I can see no earthly reason why oral polio vaccine should be given to people in Japan up to age 50.