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Dear Dr. Sabin:

I was very glad to learn that the diarrheal paper is going to be published very soon. The data which you sent to me on your last letter of March 25, is certainly most interesting. I will appreciate if you could send to me 200 reprints of the paper.

Concerning the studies on the living attenuated poliomyelitis virus vaccine, you may be interested to know that we proceeded according to the schedule I told you on my last letter. Up to the present time I have fed 2800 children with type 1 virus and about 2500 of these have already been fed also with type 3. So far, I haven't seen any undesirable effect attributable to the vaccine. It may also interest you to know that Dr. Melnick was here in Mexico and we are planning together an experiment in 100 families living in a special section of the city. These studies will be concerned with the development of neutralizing antibodies and the propagation of the virus among family contacts. We will also include test for Patogenicity of the excreted virus; I am sure when you see Dr. Melnick, he will tell you more about this.

So far as procurement of funds is concerned, I just received a letter from the Merck Sharp & Dohme Companies, in which they tell me that they are willing to give 10,000 Dolls. for the studies, but that the other 10,000 Dolls. I asked them I will have to try to obtain them from somewhere else. Today I am writing them a letter to see if they could send the money as soon as possible because I have incurred already in too many expenses.

Hoping to hear from you in a very near future, I send you, as usual, my best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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