Dear Dr Sabin,

Thank you so much for sending the modified part of your Geneva paper and the statement for "Medicine and Hygiene".

The specimens have been shipped in dry ice to Dr Giovanardi, and he wrote me a few days later that they had arrived. Don't worry yourself about having burdened me, since such shipments do cause me so little trouble that is not worth while of speaking about it. I shall be glad to send further specimens to anyone in Europe who has asked you for them. I think it advisable, that specimens of the attenuated strains are being shipped only to those, who have your consent, so that you are currently informed about those who want to perform experiments with them.

We are now engaged in a vaccination experiment in approximately 50 persons, children as well as adults, people with and without naturally acquired antibody, the first being myself and my family, and further the families of my associates.

Virus excretion is, of course, being examined in the vaccinated persons on a quantitative basis, and prevaccination and postvaccination antibody levels with pH test and tube test are being determined. Moreover, the neurotropism of the excreted virus is being examined.

So far, no untoward reactions have been observed, perhaps with the exception of some abdominal pain and obstipation in some individuals. These, however, are of so little significance, that they are not considered worth while. Moreover it is difficult to prove, that these unimportant complaints are the result of having swallowed the attenuated strains.

I expect to have finished these experiments and to have gathered most, if not all, of the necessary data in the course of the summer. If the results are satisfactory, a larger trial may well be conducted. Our National Health Council has been informed about this work, and seems to be heavily interested in hearing the preliminary results after the summer vacation. I hope that the Council will allow further trials.
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I expect to arrive in Geneva on July 6th, and to discuss with you the data obtained so far.
I may add, that the attenuated strains are kept in a special sealed box in the deep-freezer, and that they are handled only by myself.

With kindest personal regards,
Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Prof. Dr J.D. Verlinde