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Dear Dr. Verlinde:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 4th and the news of the recent tests that you had carried out. I am very glad to see that there is some law and order to this business when the same procedures are employed. I received your note too late to insert a footnote in my article which is being published in the March 14th issue of the British Medical Journal.

I am delighted to note that you expect to carry out studies on a number of children who had been vaccinated one or two years ago. I have recently started such a study on my own formerly triple-negative children and 3 of their formerly triple-negative playmates as well as several adults who received their vaccine two years ago. The results are already evident for type 1 and I expect to feed them type 3 and type 2 in the very near future to complete the study.

I shall be in Antwerp May 10 to May 13 to participate in the International Symposium on Encephalitis that was organized by Professor Ludo Van Bogaert in association with the World Federation of Neurology and the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness of the U. S. I hope very much that you may also be in Antwerp at that time so that we may have an opportunity to go over some recent developments. I deeply regret that my schedule for this visit to Europe is already so tight that I shall be unable to visit you in Leiden as I should very much have liked to do. From Antwerp I must go to Prague and then to Moscow in order to study at first hand the very large field trials of the vaccine that are in progress there.
With best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.