December 9, 1957

Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director
Pan American Sanitary Bureau
1501 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Doctor Soper:

I have received your letter of November 27th addressed to me and the enclosed letter of the same date addressed to Mr. Basil O'Connor.

I have received a copy of a letter that Doctor Sabin wrote to you on December 4th which answers most of the questions raised in your letter to me.

Mr. O'Connor has asked me to reply to your letter of November 27th addressed to him.

We shall be glad to set aside enough of Doctor Sabin's live-virus vaccine to inoculate one million persons according to the stipulations set forth in your letter. This material will be held for a reasonable length of time pending the outcome of your negotiations with different countries in Latin America. We consider six months to be a reasonable length of time. If you need more time for negotiations you might let us know and if your request is reasonable I am certain that the time limit could be extended.

Best of luck and a Merry Christmas to you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Thomas H. Rivers, M.D.
Medical Director

cc: Dr. Albert B. Sabin