Dear Dr. Sabin,

Thank you ever so much for your kind letter of 13 October 1947. I know that you have been in constant contact with Colonel Rapalski who gave you progress reports on our poliomyelitis problem. The Iron Lungs are still working day and night in spite of the fact that the number of new cases has fallen to a trickle.

By the way, do you know a certain Dr. Colze from New York who has been bombarding us with telegrams suggesting that we try his new treatment which consists in the application of leeches along the jugular vein in a very early stage of the disease? We have not been able to try it out over here because we simply could not get any leeches and, beside that, it was a little late in the game when he contacted us. Dr. Gucker had never heard of this treatment. Have you?

Last night we had the first severe frost in Berlin, and life starts to become rather dreary.

I read your excellent report with great interest. I hope that the War Department gets your subtle hint regarding the US medical services in Berlin and takes some proper action. Things are getting worse all the time in that respect.

Please let me hear from you again and tell me about the progress in the solution of the poliomyelitis problem.

Personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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