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Dear Dr. Sabin:

Thank you most heartily for taking the trouble to answer the letter from Friedler in Genoa. I try to take care of all such letters, but he wanted to expound his ideas in German, and I am, to put it mildly, not quite at home in the language.

I do not like to impose on your good nature, but I am enclosing another one for you. This is a copy of a letter forwarded to us by Dr. Fishbein, and you are in a better position to answer it than anyone else.

If you do not want to bother with it, do not hesitate to return it to me. If you do answer it, will you please send us a copy of your letter.

Sincerely yours,

T. E. Boyd  
Associate Director of Research  

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Dear Dr. Fishbein,

Our March 19th, 1948 Bulletin of the St. Louis Medical Society contained a notice about a First International Poliomyelitis Conference to be held in New York City July 12-17th, and that you were one of the leading sponsors. Having been forced into semi-retirement by a painful and persistent arthritis, naturally I find time to interest myself in the unsolved problems of medical research. So naturally one of my major present interests is in the prevention of polio, particularly as I am blessed by a good quota of very promising grandchildren.

Our Bulletin simply notes occurrence of some very explosive seasonal epidemics. Through pretty reliable nurse sources late last fall, I got the report that a peculiarly sudden and explosive epidemic of polio had occurred in Berlin just after the first shipment of country milk in a long, long time had arrived in this shut-off and stricken metropolis. So far I have not noted any verification of this report in the limited medical literature available in my home, or in the public press.

Under which circumstances I would greatly appreciate your reaction - or one of your associates - to this "word-of-mouth" report. The location of any published reports in German medical literature - or abstracts in American Journals - would also be deeply appreciated. Believe me

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ John C. Morfit

April 10th, 1948.