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Dr. Guillermo Soberon Acevedo
Secretaria de Salud
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Dear Dr. Soberon,

I was good to see you after all these years at the PAHO-NIH meeting at the Stone House on April 22, and to learn some more details of the extraordinary organization that Mexico had achieved for the "Dias Nacionales de Vacunacion Antipolimielitica." It is especially because of this Mexican success and because such an organization has a great potential for helping with other aspects of public health of children in Mexico, that I am sending you herewith two documents:

1. "Critique of EPI Progress and Evaluation Report of the WHO Director General (EB 77/27 of 19 November 1985 to Executive Board) and Proposal of Different Strategy for Rapid Elimination and Continuing Control of the Priority Vaccine Preventable Children's Diseases in Developing Countries" that I prepared about a month ago for Dr. C. Everett Koop, Surgeon General, USPHS.


I believe that unless WHO takes a new approach to the problem of immunization of children in the developing countries (especially in Africa and Asia) it will not achieve its goal by 1990 or later, and millions of children will die or be crippled from diseases that can be prevented.

I would appreciate it very much if you could let me know whether you regard my proposals as impractical and unachievable.

Best wishes and kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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