June 12, 1951

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Dear Dr. Barner:

I was delighted to learn from your letter of June 4, 1951, that you were willing to consider the possibility of our performing the poliomyelitis experiment on calves at your veterinary school. The information you requested is as follows.

The total experiment will involve 20 calves approximately 6 to 9 months of age. They would be isolated in groups of 5. The isolation facilities will require screened quarters and facilities for washing their excreta into a regular sewer line, or, if that should not be available, some facility for burning their excreta. The actual period of active work in this experiment would be about one month, but it will be highly desirable to observe the calves under isolation for another period of about two months. Funds for this experiment are available from a grant from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and this laboratory would reimburse Michigan State College for the facilities and any other expenses that may be incurred as a result of this experiment. Dr. Johan Winsser, a member of our staff, recently arrived from Holland where he was trained both as a veterinary and human M. D., would be on hand to carry out the actual experimental work. It probably would be necessary to obtain some local person to take care of the calves and to assist Dr. Winsser in the experimental procedures, such as bleeding, lumbar or cisternal punctures, etc. We would prefer to do this experiment in the summer or early autumn. If arrangements cannot be made to start it sometime in August (before my departure for Europe on August 23), we would probably wish to postpone it to July 1952.

I hope that this information will permit your school to reach a decision. If not, I should be glad to supply any additional information that you may require. With many thanks for your consideration of this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.