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Dear Dr. Sabin:

We have read with interest your article on "Complement Fixation Test in Toxoplasmosis and Persistence of the Antibody in Human Beings," in the October 1949, Vol. 4, issue of PEDIATRICS. We are writing you for practical information as to how our own health department laboratory might proceed if we were to set up such testing in Hawaii. Would you please give us an idea of the material and techniques which would be involved and of what expense we might anticipate.

We have reason to believe that we have toxoplasmosis as an etiologic factor in some of the crippled children we see in the crippled children's program. We are inclined to believe that toxoplasmosis is the etiologic factor particularly in some cases of chorioretinitis which we have seen and in which there is also roentgenologic evidence of cerebral calcification. We would like to have laboratory information on some of these cases but we are in no position financially to enter into any activity which would involve much expense or which would be a burden to the already over-worked territorial health department laboratories.

Nevertheless our interest in the subject is great and we would be most appreciative of any help and guidance which you might give us.

Sincerely,

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