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Dear Doctor Sabin,

I have just finished reading, with great interest, your paper on "Toxoplasma" in the April 12 issue of "Science." Before I came out to California, Dr. Bailey and I spent quite a bit of time on the immune reactions associated to infectious mononucleosis, and the applications of our findings to the attempted experimental production of the disease. The toxoplasma described by Bland was not available, so we were unable to carry out adaption and infection experiments to that organism. I have kept the possibility in mind, however, with the idea of carrying out tests whenever an opportunity presented itself.

Your reference to the type of disease produced in monkeys to your organism makes it appear not impossible that the syndrome has points in common to the
human infectious mononucleosis. Have you made any studies of the blood picture in these animals? Or have you observed any other parasites which might make such a relationship probable? I should appreciate your opinion on this point.

I have several infected sera here, and if you are not averse to my carrying out absorption tests to this organism, I should like very much to do so. A couple of infected mice would suffice for this.

In any case, I would be grateful for anything you may care to say about the matter.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Raffel

I should appreciate receiving a reprint of your paper.