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To Whom It May Concern:

Having seen what you wrote about Karantonin in Volume III, No. 1, of your Gazette, I thought you might be interested in the enclosed statement that I prepared in response to many inquiries that I had received.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

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Enclosure.
Reds Say Polio Drug Helps Ease Paralysis

After the brief radio flash and tiny newspaper reference to a Russian claim of a polio paralysis cure, our reporters made inquiries of the following: UPI, Cleveland Medical Library, Institute for the Study of Poliomyelitis, Moscow, Soviet Embassy, National Institutes of Health, National Library of Medicine and the National Foundation.

Mary W. Angel, Bath, N.Y., topped the search with the following letter to Premier Nikita Khrushchev:

"Dear Sir: I am writing on behalf of Americans who have been left paralyzed by poliomyelitis. About a month ago we read in our newspapers that Russian scientists have discovered a new drug that completely cures this type of paralysis. This drug is known as "karatonin" and is processed from the fruit of a perennial herb that grows in Central Asia.

"We felt that by writing directly to you we would get information. You are really famous for being able to cut through useless red tape and get to the heart of the problem.

"As you might expect this discovery means more to us than we can even begin to tell you. I know whereof I speak because my body has been almost completely paralyzed for fourteen years.

"We would greatly appreciate any information or help you are able to give to us.

"I would like to close by offering our congratulations on your approaching birthday and our hopes that that day may be an especially happy one for you."