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Dear Albert:  

Since you will soon have to plan the details for the vaccination experiment in monkeys, I thought I would let you know now how we are progressing here in the matter of testing the potency of the vaccine.  

Mice have been vaccinated and are due for challenge on Tuesday, the 16th, which means that by the end of the month we should know the answer.  

As you may realize, I am a bit behind schedule, due to the fact that formalin inactivation has taken longer than I expected; I will keep you informed about the outcome of the challenge test.  

Concerning the hemagglutination tests, I am now getting the buffers ready and hope to begin work in a few days with the Egypt 101 strain. In order to check our technique, and also as part of the program, I would like to try your method on some strains known to yield hemagglutinins, such as your St. Louis-Parton and WEE-North Dakota strains. Could you provide me with them?  

I feel a bit embarrassed to make so many requests and hope you don't mind it too much.  

With best wishes,  

Sincerely yours,  

Jordi Casals

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