Dear Dr. Soloviev:

During the Fourth International Poliomyelitis Congress in Geneva, in one of our conversations you indicated that you would like to have some of the typing sera for viruses of the Coxsackie and ECHO group in order to assist in the identification of a number of viral agents which had been recovered in your laboratory. Dr. Joseph Melnick has made available for you typing sera for these two groups. These materials, together with a brochure describing their preparation and use have been forwarded to Dr. Langdon of the American Embassy in Moscow. Dr. Langdon has been requested to deliver the material to you.

You will be interested to know that the two strains of influenza virus labeled IKSIA and D960 have now been examined in two laboratories in this country with identical results. The IKSIA strain of Type A influenza is indistinguishable from our Asian strains of this virus, while strain D960 is similar to influenza Type B (Sendai).

Sincerely yours,

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