SUBJECT: Fourth Annual Meeting of the Contributors and Participants, Viral and Rickettsial Registry

MEMORANDUM TO:

(1) Contributors to V&R Registry:

Dr. J. A. Baker  
Dr. E. J. Bell  
Dr. G. C. Brown  
Dr. H. W. Burruss  
Dr. H. R. Cox  
Dr. C. M. Eklund  
Dr. F. B. Gordon  
Dr. W. McD. Hammon  
Dr. W. Henle  
Dr. F. L. Horsfall, Jr.  
Dr. H. A. Howe  
Dr. A. F. Langlykke  
Dr. E. H. Lennette  
Dr. T. P. Magill  
Dr. J. L. Melnick  
Dr. C. B. Philip  

Dr. A. B. Sabin  
Dr. M. Schaeffer  
Dr. T. F. McN. Scott  
Dr. R. E. Shope  
Dr. K. C. Smithburn  
Dr. R. M. Taylor  
Dr. J. Warren  
Lt. Col. R. Yager

(2) Participants in V&R Registry:

Dr. T. Francis, Jr.  
Dr. M. Frobisher  
Dr. G. Rakel  
Dr. J. Salk  
Dr. H. Schoening  
Dr. M. Sigel  
Dr. F. Stimpert  
Dr. J. T. Syverton  
Dr. N. Topping  
Dr. R. Thompson

Dr. J. Wagner  
Dr. F. Weiss  
Dr. K. Welch  

1. The proposed agenda for the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Viral and Rickettsial Registry is enclosed.

2. Your attention is particularly invited to the items listed on the agenda under the heading "Old Business." At the last meeting it was agreed that a decision would be formulated by the group on these matters. Mail votes on item (a) ($3.00 specimens for teaching) may be sent directly to Dr. Thompson prior to the meeting. It should be borne in mind that those members of the group who supply the specimens designated for teaching might be unduly burdened by this reduction in price. Therefore, the opinion of these particular members should be carefully weighed by those attending the meeting before reaching a final decision regarding policy.

3. Dr. Hilary Koprowski and Dr. John Wagner have agreed to assume the responsibilities of Dr. Francis Gordon and Dr. Edwin Lennette who served as Chairman and Member, respectively, of the Subcommittee for the Selection of Materials for the Viral and Rickettsial Registry.
4. Approximately half of the specimens in the Registry were not reassayed during the past year by their Contributors. It is now too late in the year to undertake this task prior to the customary annual reassay during the summer months. It is suggested that the Contributors who have been negligent in this matter consider the desirability of preparing new freshly assayed material during the coming summer and of substituting this for the current untested material in the Registry. At the time of the meeting, Dr. Joel Warren will have available for the Contributors a list of the strains with their current status as regards assay.

Incl

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AGENDA FOR FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE VIRAL AND RICKETTSIAL REGISTRY

to be held on the afternoon of
Wednesday, April 30, 1952, in a room to be designated
in the "Incubator"

Dr. R. L. Thompson, Chairman

1. Report of Viral and Rickettsial Distribution in 1951 and
   Related Matters .......... Dr. F. Weiss

2. Reaffirmation of Contributors regarding replenishing materials
   for forthcoming year or reassaying their old stocks.

3. Old Business.
   a. Report on proposed sale of selected specimens for teaching
      at $3.00 each.
      (1) Count of mail votes
      (2) Comments by Contributors of proposed $3.00 specimens
      (3) Final decision regarding policy
   b. Report on proposed preparation of list of well documented
      viruses and rickettsiae of particular interest but not
      included in Catalog, which are maintained in laboratories
      of the Contributors and Participants. List would indicate
      which agents individual laboratories agree to maintain and
      would be circulated only to Contributors and Participants
      of Viral and Rickettsial Registry.

   a. New strains to be included in Registry.