Dear Dr. Weiss:

This is to let you know that the following 2 viruses that you sent to me for reassay were found to be fully active:

Dengue, strain Hawaii, mouse-adapted

"B" virus, strain no. 1

Enclosed herewith you find a revised statement to be inserted in the new catalogue for "B" virus.

At the last meeting of the V and R Registry in Philadelphia I promised to consider the question of supplying the Registry with the following viruses:

1. The 3 types of attenuated poliovirus for diagnostic work.


3. Hemagglutinating strains of Japanese B, St. Louis and Western Equine encephalitis.

This is to let you know that all of these strains are available in my laboratory for distribution upon request from qualified investigators, but I regret that the pressure of other activities has prevented me from preparing statements about these viruses for the new catalogue. Accordingly, you may say nothing about these strains in the new catalogue or include a statement that they are available for distribution in my laboratory. A similar statement could apply to ECHO types 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
17, 18, 19, 22, 23 and 24. A similar statement could also be made for mouse adapted phlebotomus (sandfly) fever viruses - Sicilian and Naples strains, and dengue type 2 (New Guinea C strain).

I would suggest also that in the new catalogue the designation "dengue" should be followed in parenthesis by (type 1).

I am leaving for Europe on July 28th and shall not be back until September 15th.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.