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Dr. Randall L. Thompson
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Dear Randall:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 21. With regard to your request that I deposit the ECHO viruses and Reo-viruses for which my laboratory is responsible with the A.T.C.C. I should like to say that for the present because of the pressure of many other activities and for other reasons, I prefer to continue to distribute these myself. Incidentally, I should like you to know that this applies to the following viruses:

a) ECHO types - 7, 8, 9, 11, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24 and 28.

b) Reoviruses - type 1 (Lang), type 2 (Jones), type 3 (Dearing). The type 2 and type 3 viruses were also isolated in this laboratory and I wish to be responsible for them and would prefer that you not get them from another laboratory.

c) Sandfly fever - Naples and Sicilian strains.

With regard to the attenuated polioviruses currently used for production of oral vaccine, I also prefer, for the present, to continue distribution from this laboratory.

I regret that I shall be unable to be present at the forthcoming meeting of the Registry Committee in Chicago on April 11th.
With best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

P.S. I say for the present, because by the end of 1960 or early 1961 I do expect to transfer all these strains to the ATCC.