Dr. Albert Sabin,
Children's Hospital Research Foundation,
Cincinnati 9, Ohio.

Dear Albert,

Lucy and I spent a couple of weeks in Cuernavaca with her niece Queene Luxenberg who has a lovely home there.

We came across the enclosed article from THE NEWS of January 3rd which we were happy to read.

On our return to the "deep freeze" three or four days ago I came across the enclosed article from the Toronto Globe of January 28th. I can assume that you have already been working on this new virus and if so, I hope you will be successful in finding a cure thereby adding to the already distinguished name and deep regard in which you are held around the globe.

I trust this finds you well and look forward to the pleasure of seeing you in Jerusalem towards the end of June if our paths do not cross sooner.

Yours sincerely,
Find new virus similar to polio but more lethal

A new polio-like disease has been discovered in Mexico. Although it resembles polio, it is more lethal, killing about 30 per cent of its victims.

Medical World News says the disease was identified by Mexican virologist Manuel Ramos-Alvarez. The magazine says U.S. polio expert Albert Sabin (developer of the oral polio vaccine) checked the data and agreed it is a new disease.

It is apparently caused by a virus. An unidentified virus appears in patients' stools during the acute phase of the disease, but nothing unusual can be found in the central nervous system.

Neither the mode of transmission nor degree of contagion is known, but there does not seem to be an epidemic, the magazine says.

Dr. Ramos-Alvarez and Dr. Sabin says it kills faster than most forms of polio and victims die between six and 14 days after onset.