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Dear Doctor Sabin,

I am sending your manuscripts that has been edited by Dr. Levenbook and me to fit the format recommended by publisher. It includes the full title in references, and quotation by numbers in the text. I found most of the references, but failed to find some, which I highlighted by marker. I would appreciate if you can check if these references are correct, and add those which I did not find.

I am sorry to bother you again with these manuscripts, and if you want me to pick them up from you when they will be ready, I would be glad to do this.

I also want to ask for your help in a matter which relates to my legal status in United States. Now I have an exchange visitor (J-1) visa, which has a maximum length of three years. This term expires this December, and in order to extend my work here in Bethesda on poliovirus vaccine, which I am willing very much, I have to apply for a permanent residence in United States. According to the new law which took effect last October, it is possible for a scientist to apply for a green card if he can prove by presenting some evidence, including testimonials from prominent american scientists, that he has "exceptional abilities". I talked to a very knowledgeable lawyer, Mr. Bernsen, who said that the yearly quota for this category of applicants is 40,000, and he feels that my credentials fit definitions given by Immigration and Naturalization Service.

I will be honored if your would find it possible to write such a letter for me. Mr. Bernsen said that such letter, addressed to U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, should contain evaluation of person's qualification and description of his scientific achievements. I am enclosing my CV and list of publications. I am hoping for your help, which is very important to me.

Yours sincerely,

Kosfya Chumakov