Moscow, November 27, 1957.

Dear Dr. Sabin:

May I take this occasion to express to you and Dr. Smithburn my hearty gratitude and sincere feelings of my great joy and thankfulness to you for your very flattering invitation to me to participate in the International Congress on Tropical Medicine and Malaria in Lisbon, Portugal, September 5 to 13, 1958.

I consider myself already twice obliged to you for your friendly help and initiative, extremely pleasant for me, which you so kindly showed by including our modest scientific reports into the program of International Congresses (I mean Geneva Conference in July 1957, and the forthcoming Congress in Lisbon in September 1958).

The title of my communication suggested by you - "Tick-borne hemorrhagic virus diseases in the USSR" - is quite acceptable. From the Program sent to me together with a very kind invitation from the President of the Congress I understood that as a co-rapporteur I could count on 15 minutes for my communication.

I hope that I and Marina Konstantinovna and also Professor A.A. Smorodintsev will be allowed an opportunity to participate in the work of the VI-th International Congress on Tropical Medicine in Lisbon.
Marina Konstantinovna would like to present a so-called free communication at one of the virus Sub-Sections on the subject "Investigations in the USSR on choirieomcephalitis (psychosensory virus neuroinfection in children associated with reservoirs in mice)", but we do not know whether this would be possible and relevant.

Dear Dr. Sabin, in our Institute the work is fully under way for the preparation of a field trial of your live virus vaccine against poliomyelitis, and I hope that during winter months we shall get the first immunological data on serologic response in vaccinees and later on will give you a more detailed account of it.

Marina Konstantinovna and I give you our kindest wishes.

With hearty regards

Sincerely yours

Michail Chumakov.