My darling Albert,

I was greatly alarmed and distressed to hear about your illness and slow recovery. Your wife's letter about it addressed to Bela Kaplan was too laconic, and I would like to know more about your health.

In the past two years my health has also been shaken greatly, and I have difficulties in using my left hand, and difficulties in walking but still continue my work, mainly on a subunit influenza vaccine.

Marina Konstantinovna and all my sons extend to you most cordial greetings and best wishes for complete recovery of your health and your creative activities. Affectionate greetings and best wishes to your wife Heloisa.

Dear Doctor Albert Sabin, you have done a lot for our country and for all mankind in eliminating the threat of poliomyelitis, and for all the Soviet medical workers your name is highly revered and sacred! Courage, my dear! Do not succumb to disease!

With friendly love,
Yours sincerely,

Mikhail P. Chumakov