My dearest friend Albert,
My darling Heloisa,

Please forgive me for a very long delay (due to another hospitalization) in replying to your cordial friendly letter of May 5, 1987 with enclosed several beautiful color pictures of all the guests at the dinner at my house in February, 1987. Our great thanks to you for this memorable present which made me happy and also my sons and their wives as well as your Moscow friends: Bela Kaplan, Elena Leschinskaya, Nelli Ralph and Lidiya Martiyanova. They were all delighted with this photo keepsake. I keep the last two pictures in front of me under the glass cover at my desk, and six other big pictures of Albert with autographs of previous years are always on the walls in my study. They daily warm my heart with the fond memory of our meetings and cooperative international activity in the field of eradication of poliomyelitis epidemics by means of your vaccine.

Dear Albert, I was very glad to learn about your recent visit to Cuba and interesting discussions with Fidel Castro. I am sure that you are the most creative and competent worker of the present-day medicine and may do a lot of good in strengthening the friendship and humanistic collaboration between peoples, against the threat of nuclear war and destruction of humanity!

Keep well and be happy, dearest Albert and Heloisa.

With love,
Forever yours,

P.S. Two months ago another grandson of mine was born - Eugeniy Alekseevich Chumakov.
P.P.S. Unfortunately we have a sad piece of news: on May 15, 1987 Victor Mikhailovich Zhdanov, an outstanding Soviet virologist, passed away. This loss is irretrievable.