My dear friends Albert and Heloisa,

I would offer my sincere apology to you for so long silence though nearly every day I look at your nice photo (on my writing-table, under the glass-plate) and trouble constantly in my mind that I have no written connections with you any more, and this is through my fault.

The point is not only in that my hand has greatly weakened and it is now very difficult for me to write myself, but also in my overwork with many urgent matters on "introduction into the practice of the public health care" of my two new vaccines: TBE and the subunit preparation "Grippovac".

Dear Albert! I would like to get a letter from you with your opinion about the last Marina's article (published posthumously) on the use of live enterovirus vaccines from apathogenic (isolated from healthy children) strains of non-polio-myelitis enteroviruses. Then the question is about the analogous properties which your vaccine poliovirus strains also have - we have successfully used them for the urgent prophylaxis during the influenza and ARD epidemics.

For good remembrance of Marina Konstantinovna I send you her references (1986) in Russian, that have been issued in Moscow posthumously. One of the variants of this review in English will be probably published in "Progress in Medical Virology". I hope very much to meet your kindness and support toward the conception about useful properties of enterovirus variants that Marina has
I substantiated by her examples.

Dear Albert! Your name is very popular in our country. Many Soviet people know you as the most honoured American scientist who, in collaboration with the scientists of the USSR, had provided the right way to the victory over the polio in our country and in many other countries in all continents of the world.

I was always proud enjoying your friendship.

From the bottom of my heart I wish you and Heloisa the Happy New Year 1989! Long live and become stronger and deeper the Soviet-American friendship and the collaboration of the medical scientists and all people of good will in both our countries!

With love and friendly feelings to you,
I remain,

Ever yours

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