Me very dear and heroic friend Albert,

For a number of reasons I read your letter, dated March 16, 1989, too late. It was a very sad letter because of your disease - you were suffering from the second heart surgery, and simultaneously it was for me an exceptionally interesting, with some tables, important information, which contained remarkable results from the application of your method for rapid measles elimination through inhalation of live measles vaccine.

First of all, I want to congratulate you heartily on the happy outcome of your repeated, very dangerous heart surgery, which you have heroically stand in 1988. Then, I'll congratulate you to your subsequent work in Brazil, that have elicited the exceptionally important success of your method of measles immunization through inhalation.

I wish you many happy returns of your coming birthday (August 26) and send my kindest regards, friendly congratulations and best wishes to dear Heloisa!

Dear Albert! At present I'm organizing an attack against measles in our country again and hope for the total renewal of measles vaccine production from our vaccine strain "E.Sh.Ch", which we have successfully applied in 1967-1969. Despite of the prolonged (within 22 years) conservation after the freeze-drying, this attenuated strain retained its characteristics completely. We are successfully propagating this vaccine strain in diploid kidney cells of new-borne lambs, which have been thoroughly tested for absence of contaminating agents before they were laid as a "bank of productive cells" in liquid nitrogen. These cell stock is sufficient enough to produce the measles vaccine for many years.

Unfortunately, there is still a high rate of measles morbidity in our land (on the average, the number of annual cases
through the USSR is assessed as \( \sim 100/100 \, 000 \) population. In the following year, 1990, we are intending to begin the mass application of our new measles vaccine. In this connection, to hasten the mass vaccination campaigns in children populations, I would try to use the inhalation method in some regions of the USSR. Unfortunately, the nebulizers provided with a compressor and masks, that were successfully applied in your works on the establishment of a method for measles prevention in Mexico and Brazil, are not produced in the USSR. To organize the production of such nebulizers in our land, I'll require the detailed information from specifications or even though one sample of this equipment. May be, I could receive it from France through my friend Charles Merieux.

Unfortunately, my hands and feet are becoming weak progressively and the number of my true helpmates remained to be very small. However, I'm still hoping, that we can gain a victory over the epidemic measles in the USSR.

Once more, with all my heart I wish you and dear Heloisa the sound health, good luck, every success and active longevity!

With my love and admiration to you,

Every yours

Misha