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Dear Dr. Sabin:

Many thanks for your letter of September 15 and for sending me a reprint of your 1965 article.

About our report. There are several justifiable criticisms of it: (1) The chronological tables are incomplete; the text, which I did not send you explains why. (2) The selection of articles seems to be arbitrary (despite our use of excellent consultants) and again the text explains why. (3) We designed the 137 Tables to show how many different bodies of knowledge had to come together for a major clinical advance; thus "Open Heart Surgery" is presented in 25 Tables and "Prevention of Poliomyelitis" in 7. One really needs the entire volume (about 500 pages) to see the cross-linkages, i.e., work cited in one of 137 Tables that could logically have been placed in another, or another or another. We are now trying to do a better indexing and cross-referencing so that things that belong in several places won't be lost to someone who looks only at one or two specific tables.

Thank you again for your letter and for the information that it contained.

Sincerely,

Julius H. Comroe, Jr.

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