Dr. Albert Sabin  
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Dear Dr. Sabin:

I enjoyed your visit very much and it was very helpful for me to learn some of the basic differences which separate our impressions from the morphology of pleuropneumonia-like organisms, and I regret that you could not have stayed longer.

I will send you in the near future a few slides and photographs to make my point of view clearer. When you left I looked over an old slide stained with Giemsa from a pleomorphic influenza strain. Some of the bacilli stained in exactly the same ring form which you regard as characteristic for the pleuropneumonia-like organisms. These forms probably correspond to the earliest stage of the transformation into large round bodies, and they are present in some bacterial cultures. I will send you later a photograph of these forms.

I sent you a strain (4330) of the pleuropneumonia-like organisms cultivated from cervix uteri. The tubes contain scrapings from agar cultures and probably will give a good growth if you streak them out shortly after they arrive on appropriate agar media or add ascitic broth to the tubes. If the cultures are contaminated, which sometimes occurs, I will send you another sample. I would greatly appreciate it if you could send me a pleuropneumonia strain.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Louis Dienes, M.D.