Dear Dr. Hull:

In reply to your letter of February 10, I should like to say that we are using the BS-C-1 strain of cercopithecus cells that was developed by Hopps et al. We have found, however, as indicated in the enclosed reprint that the later passages of this strain are more sensitive in detecting SV 40 virus than the earlier passages. I would also like to suggest to you that you consult the earlier publication that was published in the March 1963 issue of the National Academy of Sciences for a more detailed description of our work with this strain of cells. I regret that I do not have any more reprints available of this publication.

We have made a passage of our BS-C-1 cells today and next Monday or Tuesday, February 17 or 18, I shall send you a 32 ounce bottle filled with growth medium which you may use for passing these cells until you have prepared your own. Enclosed herewith is also a memorandum describing our procedure of trypsinization and the media used for the BS-C-1 line. I shall be very much interested to learn the results that you may get with these cells.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

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Enclosure.