Dear Dr. Sabin,

By appointment I should keep you informed of our cross-neutralization tests with your and our Toxoplasma-strain. Fortunately the strain which Dr. Feldman despatched to my hotel in New York arrived alive, but its virulence has decreased and up to now we have not been able to produce a skin reaction in the rabbit. We hope, however, to succeed in it after a few mousepassages. The strain isolated by Dr. Winsser has a considerable virulence for mice, produces nice skin lesions in the rabbit and kills the rabbit in about 19 days after intradermal inoculation. The monkey serum that you placed at my disposal neutralized our strain to the same titer as did serum of the mother of the infant from which the strain has been isolated (at least 10 skin doses). It is therefore not unlike that this indirect way suggests a close immunological relationship between both strains. We can prove it, however, more directly when your strain has regained its virulence for the rabbit. I should be very grateful if you could send me in the meantime another specimen of immune monkey serum, in order to carry out the neutralization tests with both strains. Please accept my thanks beforehand and once more thanking you and Mrs. Sabin for your hospitality during my visit to Cincinnati, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. J. D. Verlinde)