Dear Dr. Sabin:

Several weeks have passed already since we received your B virus and immune serum, for which we are very grateful. I have been waiting so long for thanking you for your courtesy, because we would perform some tests with them. They have not yet been finished, but the results obtained so far indicate that the virus, which has been isolated by my associate Dr. van Tongeren from a vesicular eruption in a child, is neither herpes, nor B virus Although there are similarities in host-range with both viruses, there are also differences, and there seem to exist no cross-immunity and no cross-neutralisation in animals and tissue culture, at least not to an extent which is conclusive for identity or close relationship. The patient's convalescent serum strongly neutralizes its own virus.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. D. Verlinde.