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Dear Dr. Sabin:

I am now preparing a review for the Annual Review of Microbiology on the "Influence of Age on Susceptibility to Virus Infections". The period to be covered is the last ten years, but I intend to include some references to earlier papers. I also plan to bring up the question of absorption of antibody through the gastrointestinal tract as a possible factor in the "influence of age". Some aspects of the age factor were reported by you at the New York Academy of Sciences last month and also at the poliomyelitis conference at Hershey, Pennsylvania. Since much of this material has not yet been published, I wonder if you would permit me to include it in the review. The Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences may not be published before the deadline of my review. I would therefore appreciate it if you could loan me the manuscript of your very interesting paper presented in New York last month.

I would also appreciate receiving any comments or references concerning your remarks about (a) the Eskimo epidemic with the low incidence in the "below 4 years" group, and (b) the question of antibody absorption from the gastrointestinal tract in animals of different species. Any and all comments will be welcome.

I want to take this opportunity to send you my best wishes for 1952.

Very sincerely yours,

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