Dear Dr. Sabin:

I am a member of a committee which is in search of a new head of our Department of Pediatrics here, and Dr. Fred Robbins of Western Reserve is being considered. It occurred to me that, as a neighbor of his, at least as viewed from this distance, and as one with more or less similar interests, you might be willing to offer your opinion concerning his suitability for this kind of position. We are interested in his talents as a clinician, a researcher (it might be presumptuous to question this), an administrator, and a person, the latter especially in regard to his ability to work with others. We don't know at the present time whether he would be interested in the job if it were offered, but as you know our function as a first step is to get some information together. I realize that this kind of request is a great imposition, but there is no other way in which information of this kind can be gathered.

I hope that all goes very well with you. Please accept my warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Raffel, M.D.
Professor

SR: RB