May 18, 1956

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Dear Jonas:

In accord with our telephone conversation of the other day, I am sending you herewith a list of the serum specimens which will be sent to you by Air Express on Monday morning, May 21st. If you have no objection I should like to forward to you on May 25th the specimen obtained 14 days after feeding on volunteer [REDACTED], and the specimens obtained on the remaining 14 volunteers three weeks after feeding. The three week specimens should indicate the peak booster response resulting from multiplication of the virus in the alimentary tract.

I deeply appreciate your willingness to test the antibody response of these volunteers by your method. This should permit us to correlate the antibody levels obtaining in the volunteers in whose alimentary tract the virus multiplied, with your large experience on titers of antibody resulting from the administration of formalinized vaccine.

With many thanks and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

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P.S. I discovered that the amounts of serum that we had on hand were relatively quite small and accordingly I am sending you only 1 ml. amounts of each specimen. The amount was measured exactly so that the 1:4 titters may be carried out in the same tube by adding 3 ml. of your diluent. I would appreciate it very much if you could return to me any of the unused specimens.

A. B. S.