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Dear Doctor Armstrong:

In response to the desire expressed by a number of people engaged in experimental poliomyelitis, there will be a round-table conference on the subject in conjunction with the meeting of the Society of American Bacteriologists to be held in Washington, D. C., December 28 - 30, 1937; it is my task to take care of the arrangements. The purpose of this conference is 1) to review critically the present status of certain basic questions and concepts (in epidemiology, pathogenesis, prophylaxis, etc.) and to determine the most desirable trend for future investigations; 2) to list the problems which particularly beg for solution, analyze what has been done hitherto towards their elucidation, and to discuss possible plans for future attack; and 3) to plan for certain group investigations of questions which do not yield themselves as readily to individual study either because of too great expense or unavailability of material.

The following is a list of the topics to which particular attention will be paid and the people who have agreed to start discussion on each:

1) Classification of the viruses of poliomyelitis. - James D. Trask and John A. Paul.

2) Portal of entry of the virus and pathogenesis of the disease. - Albert B. Sabin.


4) Future of chemoprophylaxis as a practical measure for the control of poliomyelitis. - E. W. Schults.

5) Unsolved problems in the epidemiology of poliomyelitis. - W. L. Aycock.

6) Vitamins and poliomyelitis. - C. W. Jungeblut.

I wondered if you would be kind enough to give a short talk on: "The possible function of the U. S. Public Health Service in a concerted attack on poliomyelitis" or any other title you
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may wish to substitute which would deal with this aspect. Any com-
ments or suggestions you may care to make regarding this conference
would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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