In reply please refer to: BLG

Dear Albert,

I am sorry to have taken so long to have replied to your letter of 24 May enclosing your paper entitled *Influenza: Problems of Prevention by Vaccination*. I read the paper as soon as I received it but then I was interrupted and that is fatal. I was therefore unable to send you my comments immediately.

I note that you have already submitted the manuscript for publication in the *Journal of Infectious Diseases* and therefore you can hardly expect criticisms of the views expressed by you for it is surely too late to incorporate these in your paper.

I find your paper most interesting and although I do not agree with all of your views I think it will be a most useful review of the subject for many people. We are all awaiting the activities in the USA with great interest and I wonder what we shall think of the wisdom of the decision taken three months ago this time next year.

I am happy to report that the programme of testing the new WHO poliomyelitis seed preparations is going without any problems. Professor Archetti has already inoculated monkeys with types I and II and he reports that he has never seen so little clinical paralysis. London also have the preparations in monkeys and the in vitro work being carried out in London, Germany and Canada is on schedule. I am hopeful that when we hold the polio meeting this October (4-6) I shall be able to report the tests of all three preparations.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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