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Dear Albert:

You are extremely good to offer to send us specimens of all the cases you have studied with the complement fixation technique. Svedmyr and I deeply appreciate your generosity. We have given careful thought to the matter and have decided that for our purposes at present only sera from patients that yielded a virus which was typed would be necessary. Accordingly, I am returning the list you sent with the names of these patients marked with a check. We will send you enough sterile Wasserman tubes fitted with rubber corks to accommodate these sera and a few in addition.

When Alex Steigman was here he said he thought that serum specimens had been taken from some of these individuals three years after their illness and that neutralization tests had been run on them. The titers of neutralizing antibody, he said, were found to have remained high. It occurred to us that if any specimens of this sort were available, it would be interesting to test them with the Brunhilde antigen to determine whether the complement fixing antibody level had fallen off or had remained fairly high like that of the neutralizing antibody. What do you think about experiments of this sort if the material were available?

In your first letter you put a P.S. asking about the best book on tissue culture. I suppose the best American book is Raymond Parker's, the second edition of which appeared not long ago. It is published by Paul B. Hoeber, Inc., New York, and is called "Methods of Tissue Culture." The first edition is still worth having if you can get a copy because it has a valuable bibliography of the older literature. There is a somewhat smaller book which is also good, by Gladys Cameron. It's title is "Tissue Culture Technique," published in 1950 by the Academic Press Inc., New York. The older handbooks are given in Cameron's treatise.

I hope all goes well with you and your family and that I shall see you soon.

Gratefully yours,

John F. Enders

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