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Dr. Albert Sabin
Children's Hospital Research Found.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Sabin:

The balance of the chimpanzees you ordered will be delivered in New York the last part of this month. Three of the original ten ordered arrived here on Dec. 26th, the balance being held up due to a temporary embargo on animals deemed necessary because of the bitter cold weather in London. The airlines will not except the chimps unless reservations straight through can be guaranteed. The last shipment was held over three days in London, and as a result all of the babies arrived with severe colds. Fortunately all survived.

The original ten ordered will be delivered the first week in February; the second group of ten chimps will be delivered the last week in February or the first week in March at the latest, barring any unforeseen change in weather.

You have stated that you will use fifty chimps this year. I am anxious to know if this amount is extended over the full twelve months, or at what date the full fifty must be delivered.

In addition to the twenty on order for you now, we have ordered another twenty to be advanced to this station for conditioning to make available more immediate delivery on future orders. As you know chimpanzees that are housed in this climate and properly fed will gain on the average of one and a half pounds per week. They may then exceed the weight limit specified but will be tamed and adjusted to being handled so should not complicate your work.

I shall see you shortly after the first of the month and go into more detail with you concerning the handling of future orders.

Sincerely,

John H. Ash

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