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Dear Albert,

Enclosed are the agenda suggested for the meeting on poliomyelitis virus neutralizing tests to be held in New York, May 18 and 19. I regret very much that I have not been able to get this outline to you before this time.

The plan of procedure which I suggest consists in having certain of the participants lead off the discussion of each of the principal topics included in the agenda. Would you be good enough, therefore, to assume this role and lead the discussion of "Interpretation of the results of neutralization tests?" The discussion leaders may comment in any way they think most suitable in order to set a background for discussion by others of the particular topics listed. In general such a background would consist presumably of description and comment on their own experience with the technique they have employed in their own laboratories. It is hoped that the others who have been assigned specific topics will follow with a condensed account of their own experience, especially as it may deviate from that of the discussion leader. Since the time is very limited, it will be highly desirable for each participant in the conference to have his data summarized in advance.

I hope that everyone concerned will give as much thought as possible to a preliminary evaluation of their experience as it applies to the discussion about significance of neutralizing antibodies (Part II).

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and with best regards...