March 16, 1954

TO: All research grantees receiving monkeys from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis

FROM: Dr. H. W. Kumm

SUBJECT: Shortage of monkeys during 1954

It has come to our attention that unusual difficulties have been encountered this year in obtaining monkeys from Okatie Farms. One of the reasons for this situation has been the very large requirement of rhesus monkeys for vaccine production. Another basic cause of trouble can be traced to severe outbreaks of acute diarrhea among newly arrived animals from the Orient.

Steps are being taken to correct both of these deficiencies as quickly as possible. We trust, therefore, that shipments as requested can be made more rapidly in the future. Please advise this office promptly if further difficulties of this sort should occur.