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Dear Albert:

I have given considerable thought to the suggestions contained in your letter of March 21, dealing with the Diagnostic Conference.

I am including your discussion of "Efficacy of throat swab cultures for diagnosis of poliomyelitis during the first week after onset of symptoms" under Section A, and your remarks on "Efficacy of the one week interval between serum specimens for diagnostic neutralization tests" under Section C.

Your suggestions in regard to additional reports from Doctors Ramos-Alvarez and Chanock, however, present me with a difficult problem. As you will doubtless recall, many more persons asked to be included in the Genetics Conference than had originally been planned. As a result, overcrowding was a real problem and I only secured the larger room for some but not all of the sessions. We already have approximately 40 persons who have indicated that they want to attend the Diagnostic Conference and I hope, if possible, to keep the number at that level.

Also, the agenda for the Diagnostic Conference are now quite extensive and if they are to be covered adequately, in a two-day period, I hesitate to increase the agenda by the two additional papers which you have suggested. Could you, instead, bring out the points which Doctors Ramos-Alvarez and Chanock would have made, at appropriate places in the general discussion?

Sincerely yours,

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