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Dear Doctor Dingle:

I was busy with a small outbreak of polio in Michigan when your letter came and regret the delay in answering it. You inquire whether my strain A of the mouse pleuropneumonia group and the strain designated L 5 by the English workers are identical. While I should guess that they probably are I do not think that there is sufficient data to make an unqualified statement to that effect, particularly since there is no report on whether or not L 5 produces a neurotropic exotoxin. I have not related the B, C and other types with other strains which have been isolated from mice by the British workers but I do know that the members of the pleuropneumonia group in mice are immunologically as well as pathogenetically different from those found in the rat.

I have never used agar, cells, or virus to initiate infection with any of the strains that I have isolated. I have not encountered spontaneous illness in mice due to these organisms.

You have my permission to quote any of these statements if you wish, although I think that I have made all these statements in various preliminary papers which have already appeared in print.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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