Prof. Dott. D. d'Antona  
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Siena, Italy  

Dear Professor d'Antona:  

This is to let you know that arrangements have now been made to ship to you on Monday, September 28th, 50 ml. of each of the 3 types of live attenuated poliovirus vaccine, representing aliquots of the large lots that were used in the field trials. This is being shipped in an insulated box with dry ice and should arrive frozen in Rome on September 29th via KLM Airlines flight No. 642 out of New York (and by another KLM flight to Rome) at 2:25 P.M. The airline was told that this parcel will be picked up at the Rome Airport. Please let me know whether or not the vaccine arrived in the frozen state.  

I would also appreciate it if you could send me a letter indicating your agreement to the following conditions for the production of this vaccine by your company:  

1) The vaccine will be produced in a separate facility in which no other viruses will be used.  

2) During the course of the production of this vaccine the people actually engaged in the work will not work with any other virus.  

3) The recommended procedures for production, testing and assay which we discussed, and a copy of which is enclosed with the vaccine in this shipment, will be followed.  

4) The legally registered name for this vaccine (which is yet to be decided upon and recorded) will appear on the labels of the distributed material.
5) Prior to your release of this vaccine for use, I shall have the opportunity to go over the protocols of production and testing as well as to examine the histologic sections of the monkeys used in the tests at your laboratories in Siena.

I greatly enjoyed my visit with you and your associates in Siena and was highly impressed by the excellent laboratory facilities that I saw. Please do not hesitate to consult me regarding any problems that may arise during the course of your work in the preparation and testing of this vaccine.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

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