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535 N. Dearborn St.
Chicago 10, Illinois

Attention: Dr. Austin Smith

Dear Dr. Smith:

The enclosed report of a special committee on toxoplasmosis was drafted for the specific purpose of bringing to the attention of the medical profession the present status of toxoplasma as a cause of human disease, the benefits that are to be derived from specific diagnosis, the proper interpretation of the available diagnostic tests - and also the fact that the Communicable Disease Center of the U.S.P.H.S. is now offering this diagnostic service to all state health department laboratories, which find it impractical to provide this service themselves. I know that a number of "specialty" journals (e.g., those dealing with pediatrics, ophthalmology, obstetrics) would like to have this report for their members, but it seemed to me that it would be best to attempt to reach all practitioners through the J. A. M. A., and the "specialty" journals, that might still wish further to disseminate the information in this report, might obtain permission from the J. A. M. A. to reprint it in whole or in part.

Your reaction to this proposal is hereby solicited. If you should find this report suitable for publication in the J. A. M. A., it would be most helpful to the U.S.P.H.S. laboratory which is now ready to implement its recommendations, if it could be published at the earliest feasible time.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

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