Dear Dr. Sabin:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th. We missed you at the last meeting of the Tropical Diseases Study Section and hope that you will be able to attend the next meeting, as your intelligent and stimulating comments are always most helpful.

My letter to Van Slyke, dealing with the needed research in the field of tropical medicine, was discussed at the last meeting of the Study Section, at which time it was suggested that I use as a basis the suggestions submitted by the group at our first meeting in September of last year. I think I probably added kala azar to the projects listed for study at that meeting. No reference was made to yellow fever, to dengue fever or to other virus diseases, not because of a lack of appreciation of their importance nor of the need for further study on them but due to the fact that these problems are automatically referred by the Grants-in-Aid Division of the National Institute of Health to the Virus and Rickettsial Section. As a matter of fact, I have since learned that studies of all diseases caused by fungi are automatically referred to the Study Section on Bacteriology. Up to the present time at least it would seem that the Tropical Diseases Study Section is being asked to consider almost exclusively parasitological problems. I think this is a question that could profitably be discussed at our next meeting.

The information about the Ekiri team is very good. I note that Col. Sams will attach them to the National Institute of Health in Japan. The National Institute of Health is a former project of our organization and one in which we invested considerable funds just prior to the outbreak of World War II. At the outbreak of the war there were also in the Institute a number of fairly good Japanese who had had the benefit of training under our auspices in the United States.

Personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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