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Dear Dr. Bailey:

This is to acknowledge your letter of January 7 requesting a statement concerning the present and future needs for research on infectious diseases of the nervous system. This is to promise you that I will give the matter some thought and send you a reply within about two weeks. I will make no attempt to deal with Part 5 of the specific information you seek, namely, the estimate of costs. A reliable estimate of the cost of any research program can be based only on a rather detailed outline of such a program and requires a great deal of time. Since I intend to cover the field rather broadly, I would not at this time care to indulge in an estimate of costs.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.