December 8, 1950

Mr. Francis L. Schmehl, Executive Secretary
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National Institutes of Health
Division of Research Grants and Fellowships
Bethesda 14, Maryland

Dear Mr. Schmehl:

I notice in the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Tropical Medicine Study Section that you have me listed for discussion of "Proposed Seminar on Toxoplasmosis". I deeply regret that I shall be unable to attend the January 6th meeting because that is the date on which the authors of the book entitled "Viral and Rickettsial Infections of Man" are scheduled to meet in New York City.

When the subject of a seminar on toxoplasmosis was proposed at two previous meetings I expressed the opinion that the time was not as yet ripe for holding such a seminar with any expectation of profit to the participants or the subject matter. I assume that the reason that it is listed on the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting is that this subject has been raised again and I wonder if you could let me know just what it is that has been proposed. I would also be interested in knowing whether or not the Division of Research Grants and Fellowships proposes to publish the proceedings of such a symposium for wide distribution among all those who may be interested, or whether a mimeographed summary of the papers and discussions would merely be distributed among the participants. I am not opposed to holding such a symposium but I should personally not be able to help or participate in it if it was scheduled for 1951. Accordingly, if you would send me whatever proposals may have been made to you, I shall forward to you my own comments for transmission to the Study Section at its scheduled meeting.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.