Dear Dr. Payne:

During my forthcoming visit to several European countries in November 1955, I expect to discuss with a number of interested parties the possibility of carrying out limited trials of a live virus polio vaccine that may be ready in the spring of 1956. By the end of this year I expect to have results of further studies on adult human volunteers which will indicate the best available strains of virus that might be used. Since your visit here and since the report of the data in the enclosed publication, I have recovered strains from healthy children which give every indication of being superior to the experimentally segregated strains previously studied in human volunteers.

My current schedule for Europe is as follows:

Portugal, November 6 to November 13 (chiefly with Dr. Pinto)

Paris, France, November 13 to November 17 (lecture at Pasteur Institute, and discussion with Dr. Debre and Dr. Lepine about tests in France)

Stockholm, Sweden, November 17 to November 21 (lecture to Medical Society and discussions with Gard, Olin and others interested in polio)

London, England, November 21 to November 24 (discussion with MRC Committee for polio about possible trials in England)

Dublin, Eire, November 24 to November 26 (discussions with Dr. Patrick Meenan).
I would very much like to have an opportunity to see you during that time and since I must get back to my job as soon as possible, I was wondering if you might be able to come up to Paris during the period that I am there. In view of the interest of the WHO in this problem, I would particularly be anxious to keep in touch with you about any projected tests with a live virus vaccine in Europe or elsewhere.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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