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IN REPLY REFER TO SPMCE

30 January 1945

Lt. Colonel Albert B. Sabin
Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Colonel Sabin:

Thank you for your report dated 26 January 1945 on the results of the dengue neutralization test on the serum of Sgt. Donald O. Aker, ASN 35374363. I note that the negative result does not exclude dengue fever and that you do not feel that the disease which occurred among soldiers in Florida, suspected of being dengue, was actually dengue. It is agreed that a specimen of serum obtained early during the febrile illness for attempted isolation of virus would be much better material for study than a specimen obtained so late that it would be serviceable only for the less certain neutralization test. When we hear of any new occurrences of suspected dengue fever in troops in this country, we will make every effort to obtain serum from patients early in the disease.

With appreciation of your work on this case,

Sincerely yours,

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Brig. General, USA

cc: Dr. Blake