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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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Dr. Albert B. Sabin
The Children's Hospital
Elland Ave. and Bethesda
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Sabin:

Your letter of June 27 arrived last evening and I am happy to see that your thinking has progressed to the planning stage.

I talked with Dr. Elderfield over the telephone yesterday and we have agreed upon a tentative division of the synthetic work and I have already started one man on the preparation of the three compounds with which we shall be primarily concerned.

I discussed yesterday with Mr. Benton, our comptroller, the method of setting up the financial support for the work. He is willing to set up a separate budget item for the project with the proviso that charges will be made against this budget on a cost basis. Would it be possible for you to arrange with Mr. Charles Benton, our comptroller, to deposit, let us say, a \$3000.00 working fund with us against which charges will be made as the work progresses. Any residue remaining after the completion of the work would, of course, revert to your contract and similarly any overdrafts would have to be cared for by you. I do not believe that the \$3000.00 figure would be exceeded unless the scope of the work is enlarged. However, it is extremely difficult to forecast costs of research and it would be understood that if the cost of the work should exceed \$3000.00, we would obtain your permission and procure a further deposit before proceeding.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Elderfield, Dr. Schmidt and our Comptroller.

You may communicate directly with me or with Mr. Benton in regard to the financial arrangements. I am construing your letter as an invitation to proceed and have made arrangements with Dr. Elderfield so that there will be no duplication of effort.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Nathan L. Drake

Nathan L. Drake, Head
Department of Chemistry

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cc: Drs. Elderfield and Schmidt and Mr. Benton