

June 19, 1959

Dr. Ned Feder  
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Dear Dr. Feder:

I regret the delay in replying to your letter of June 4th. I do not know exactly what kind of information about live poliovirus vaccine that you are looking for. An international conference convened by the World Health Organization on this subject will take place in Washington, June 22 to June 26. I can tell you that by this time my own vaccine has been used on approximately 4 1/2 million children in different parts of the world and the conclusion is that it is entirely safe as well as highly immunogenic.

With regard to your question concerning an estimate as to when this vaccine will become available to interested physicians in the United States, I can only transmit an impression that I have gained by talking to various people and that is that it may be a year until everything is put into motion for licensing such a vaccine.

I know of no one in the Boston area who is using live poliovirus vaccine experimentally at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

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