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Dear Aidan:

At the recent Kansas City conference on encephalitis, you mentioned the results of surveys on the sera of human beings residing in certain parts of the West. I would like to have your permission to refer to these results in a forthcoming publication and would, therefore, appreciate it very much if you could let me know whether or not the results of these surveys have been published or are to be published in the near future. If there is no reference with which you can supply me, I wonder if I may have permission to mention as a personal communication your finding of very low incidence of neutralizing antibodies.

The vacation plans for my laboratory personnel have recently crystallized, and I find that if you came in August, there would be no one here working on hemagglutination with the encephalitis viruses. Since the presence of patients who might be of special interest to you in the Cincinnati hospitals early in August is problematical, I wonder if you could change the date of your projected visit to Cincinnati to the last week in July rather than the first week in August. I think that the most profitable part of your visit might perhaps consist in familiarizing yourself with the hemagglutination methods which can now be used for St. Louis encephalitis virus and the work on Western equine encephalitis virus which is in progress.

With all good wishes and kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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