

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Dr. Sabin:

I have your letter of May 13th quoting a resolution of the American Association of Immunologists deploring accusations made against "American scientists by the Sub-committee of the House Un-American Activities Committee."

For your information the above Committee has never made any accusations against American scientists generally. The Committee did make a report against one scientist, Dr. E. U. Condon, and cited evidence in support of its claim that Dr. Condon had associated with Communists or members of Communist-front organizations. In this connection further evidence was presented from the floor of the House showing that Dr. Condon at one time used the same office occupied by a Communist-front organization. Incidentally, the F.B.I. investigated Dr. Condon and made a report to the Secretary of Commerce. The President and the Secretary have consistently refused to make this report available to Congress in order that the American people might know of its contents. I do not construe these facts presented against Dr. Condon only as any attack on American scientists generally. If an individual scientist has been guilty of subversive activities he is in my judgment no more entitled to immunity than a member of any other profession.

The activities of the Un-American Activities Committee in the Condon case have been greatly distorted by creating the impression that the Committee is making accusations against all scientists. It is regrettable that some scientific associations have taken that position.

Thanking you for your letter,

Sincerely yours,

