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Dr. A. Sabin  
Copacabana Palace Hotel  
Rio de Janeiro - GB

Dear Dr. Sabin,

I'm an Assistant-Professor of Pharmacology at the Medical School of the Federal University in Rio. I've been in the States working with Dr. Harold E. Himwich during 1965/66 and after returning to Rio our daughter was born prematurely. She is now 53 days old and is showing signs of TOXOPLASMOSIS, chiefly on the ocular side. Her pediatrician, Dr. P. Rosa told me that the usual treatment would be the association of Pyrimethamine and sulfapyrimidine but, since you're in Rio it would be advisable to have your opinion. I know you are a very busy man and I also know you are developing a very tiring program here in Rio but I would greatly appreciate if you could give us your advise. I think you'll understand all my worries and how much your opinion would be wellcome.

The clinical picture of the baby is as follows:

Date of birth: May 19 - 8th month of pregnancy - weight: 2.2 Kg

Actual weight: 3.1 kg

Jaundice developed 2 days after birth disappearing after phototherapy and reappearing again 5 days ago.

Liver - enlarged

spleen - enlarged

temperature - varying from 36.5°C to 37.1°C

Eye examination - Right eye - atrophic focus at macula

Left eye - regressive focus occupying the macular-papillary area. Suggestive for chorioretinitis in both eyes.

In both eyes - Some scars at irido-crystalline region.

X-Rays - skull - no calcification present up to date

skull's diameter : normal for age

No neurological symptoms are present (suggestive for the disease, at least)

No EEG recordings or sorologic tests were made ( the eye examination was performed yesterday )

Dr. Nery Guimarães is performing the sorologic tests for the mother, but the results will be available only next tuesday.

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As you can see, the clinical picture is not very clear, but the pediatrician thinks that treatment should be started immediately to avoid further aggravation and possible consequences. He also pointed that your enormous experience could provide us not only better informations about the case but also new possibilities for the treatment to be followed.

I beg your pardon for all this extra trouble and I do thank you for the attention and kindness in considering the present case.

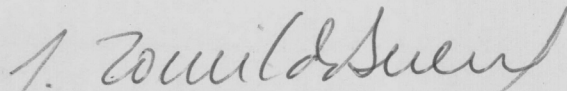
My phone numbers are:

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Yours very truly



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