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Dr. Albert Sabin
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Dear Dr. Sabin:

I am writing you concerning a patient of mine who gave birth to a child at the [redacted] 1950, who was well for approximately the first four weeks and then began to feed poorly and lose weight. The infant died in the [redacted] of life. At that time no definitive diagnosis had been made and the lady in question was told that she should have no fear of difficulties with future offspring. She has one living child at age two years, who is well. She became pregnant again about [redacted] and shortly afterward she was informed by the doctors concerned that the infant who died last July had shown evidence of toxoplasmosis in the post-mortem findings.

According to the history I obtained, the family has several dogs in the home. One of these, a dachshund, is said to have become ill approximately at the time of conception of the affected infant. According to the veterinarian who saw the dog at this time, the animal had "brain fever" with paralysis. It subsequently recovered completely and is still a member of the household.

I have discussed this problem with Dr. Hattie Alexander and Dr. Beryl Paige who suggested that I write to you. I have collected serum from the mother and believe it would be possible to obtain serum from the dog in question, should you be interested in examining these sera.

Sections of the baby's brain were sent to me, which I have examined and which have been shown to Dr. Beryl Paige. Pathologically the diagnosis of toxoplasmosis seems to be definite. Should you desire to see a section, I will be glad to forward it to you.

Very sincerely,

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