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Dear John:

I have just received the two lyophilized ampules of Russian sandfly fever virus. This was contained in a package addressed to me personally and inside there was a brief note indicating that this strain of virus had been adapted to young mice and after 16 passages in them was transmitted to chick embryos. It is said to have had more than 95 passages in chick embryos and is now used in the preparation of a living vaccine against sandfly fever.

I don't know whether the material that was sent to me is chick embryo or mouse brain. At any rate, it is my intention to passage it here in Cincinnati and to determine whether or not it is related to our own Sicilian and Naples strains. I shall prepare enough of the passage material to transmit it to other approved investigators.

I think that the ultimate disposition of this strain will depend a good deal on what the identification shows, but at any rate I think it should be a matter over which the Commission on Viral Diseases should help make the appropriate decisions.

Sincerely yours,

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