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Dear Dr. Moyer:

In accord with a request transmitted to me by Dr. W. A. Clark, of the American Type Culture Collection, I am sending you herewith a specimen of the prototype of ECHO 18 virus. This is designated as follows: ECHO 18 - strain "Metcalf" (D 3) - passage KP 8 of 9-24-60 - terminal dilution purified - usual titer in Cincinnati $10^{5.0}$ TCD₅₀/ml.

You also requested: "Coxsackie virus type 23." The status of this virus as Coxsackie 23 is not established because it is antigenically identical with the previously established ECHO 9 virus. I can only send you the prototype ECHO 9 virus. If you wish to obtain a strain of the virus that has been erroneously reported as Coxsackie A 23 I would suggest that you write to Dr. Dalldorf.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

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cc: Dr. W. A. Clark