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Dear Doctor Sabin:

At the last meeting of the Medical Advisory Committees of the National Foundation, attention was given to the advisability of undertaking a program of research to determine the number of different immunogenic types of the virus of poliomyelitis which exist and are capable of inducing human disease.

In pursuance of this discussion I am calling a meeting of several interested persons. The meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, January 7th and 8th, at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D. C. Under separate cover you will receive an invitation to stay over until the evening of Friday, January 9th, to attend the National Foundation's Tenth Anniversary Dinner.

It is proposed that during this meeting the discussion be directed as follows:

1. Do you believe that it is important to undertake a program of research to determine the number, the characteristics and the geographic distribution of the immunogenic types of the virus of poliomyelitis which are capable of inducing the human disease?
2. Have methods been developed to permit solution of these problems?
3. If so, what are the details of an investigation which should be undertaken to solve these problems?

In your thinking in this regard, may I suggest that you do not give undue consideration at this time to such practical matters as numbers of monkeys required, research facilities needed, and the deficit in skilled personnel.

Dr. Albert B. Sabin

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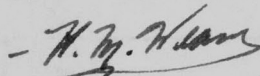
If you are able to attend this meeting, I would suggest that you bring any data you may have relative to this matter. Facilities will be provided for the presentation of illustrative material, if we are notified of your needs in advance.

For your information, the following persons have been invited to attend: Drs. Charles Armstrong, Thomas Francis Jr., Louis P. Gebhardt, William McDowell Hammon, Howard A. Howe, John F. Kessel, John R. Paul, Thomas M. Rivers, Robert Ward and Herbert A. Wenner.

I will be grateful for any suggestions you may offer relative to the character of the discussions and to invitations to other individuals.

I look forward to an early reply.

Cordially yours,



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