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Dear Dr. Chumakov:

Since writing you on March 3rd I have rearranged my schedule slightly so as to be able to arrive in Moscow on May 17 or 18 and I hope that we may be able to have some time together prior to your formal conference which begins on May 20th.

I happened to be in Washington on March 12th and I stopped at the U. S. S. R. Embassy with your letter of invitation in the hope of obtaining a visa at that time. On the two previous occasions the visa was granted to me immediately during my visit to the Embassy. On the present occasion, however, I was told that they had no information from the U. S. S. R. about my visit and that they would have to check with the Foreign Office before they can let me know. I assume that the visa will be granted to me in due time but it may perhaps help to expedite matters if the U. S. S. R. Embassy in Washington could receive word concerning my visit to the U. S. S. R.

I don't know where TIME magazine obtained its information regarding your work and future plans with live poliovirus vaccine in the U. S. S. R. (they certainly did not get it from me) but in the March 16th issue there was a rather long article about your work and plans. If you have not seen it, I might say that it was a very favorable article.

As soon as I have my reservations confirmed for my trip I will let you know the specific times of my arrival and departure in Moscow.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.