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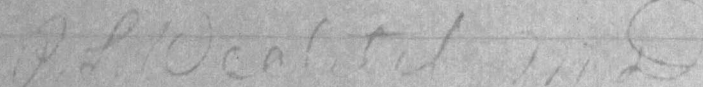
Surgeon General
Luther L. Terry
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Terry:

I want to thank you for your recent decision concerning the use of the Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine. While there may not be five other doctors in the state of Illinois that agree with me, I think it was an intelligent decision, beautifully conceived. This decision, I think, has done much to ensure a successful program of Sabin oral vaccination throughout the country.

I am particularly interested in your recommendation that Type III vaccine be given to children but not to adults. I had heard from somewhere that any child taking the vaccine would shortly become contagious and thereby infect other members of the family almost at once. This is obviously wrong for otherwise your statement would make no sense at all.

With best wishes for your continued success,



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