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Dr. Albert Sabin
Children's Hospital
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Albert,

The Directorship of the May Institute has been offered me, and I have accepted. I wanted very much to talk to you about it. In June, and again in mid-September, when I was in Cincinnati for interviews, you were away at meetings. I do think that Sol Sherry and others gave me a very complete picture of all the pros and cons of the job so that I have made the decision on realistic grounds. In many ways it is the ideal job for me at my age and with my particular research interests.

As you probably know, my wife is Zelma Baker Miller, a Ph.D. in biochemistry, who has been working with Sidney Farber at the Children's Cancer Research Foundation in recent years. Sidney has been most enthusiastic about her work on enzymes related to cancer, and he has kindly offered to move the entire set-up to Cincinnati if suitable laboratory space can be found for her. He is writing to Doctor Weech and Doctor Gall. However, Zelma is very eager to discuss the Cincinnati research situation with you and hopes that you will be available to talk to her on Friday, October 8th, when she will be in the city. She plans to stay through Monday the 11th, looking both for suitable laboratory space and for housing. I shall join her on Sunday the 10th and shall stay on until the 12th or 13th.

If you will not be available on the 8th or 9th, would you be kind enough to wire and suggest other times during the week of the 11th that would be more suitable? It would be a pity for Zelma to come to Cincinnati without having your advice about where she could best carry out her particular type of research.

Dr. Albert Sabin

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I look forward to seeing you soon.

With kind regards, as ever, I am

Sincerely,

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