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Dear Dr. Sabin:

We are well into the beginning of our oral polio vaccine program, and many people in Hillsborough County who previously had not heard of the name of Dr. Albert Sabin, are now using it as a household, everyday word. Our program was announced publicly last week, and was well received by the press and other news media, such as radio and television.

The first interviews in our community wide pre-feeding survey were also completed last week. This will be followed by a post-feeding survey in April.

We began sewage sampling last September, and it of course is continuing. We have also selected our day nurseries for obtaining rectal swab specimens.

We began a close surveillance last September, and have taken measures to tighten this surveillance for the planned, mass feeding.

The first trivalent Sabin vaccine is scheduled to arrive on January 18th. We plan to start our study of triplicate sera from 1500 children between the ages of one and four years on January 22, 1962. MacDill Field and other selected groups, such as the two universities and college in this county are to receive their vaccine the week of January 29th. The community wide feeding is scheduled for the week of Feb. 5th. Special emphasis will be given to the pre-schooler, and we were very fortunate in getting the cooperation of the schools to encourage and accept the pre-schooler into the schools for feeding.

I hope you have a most enjoyable trip to Geneva, (I believe you said you were leaving on January 20th). By the time you return from Geneva, along with the snow you must have had in Cincinnati, maybe you will consider coming to Florida to see your wife's folks at Largo and take a look at our program in Hillsborough County.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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