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Dear René:

I am just now getting started on my stint for the book on medical bacteriology. In the memorandum of November 19, 1946 which followed the last meeting, I find myself listed for Chapter 20, "Streptobacillus Moniliformis and the Pleuropneumonia Group", the total to occupy approximately 5 pages. I wonder if this may be based on a misunderstanding of what transpired at the meeting. You will recall that I indicated that the two subjects would have to be dealt with separately, and it is my intention to write one chapter on the pleuropneumonia group and another chapter on Streptobacillus moniliformis. When I indicated that 10 pages for the pleuropneumonias group was probably too much, I did not, at the time, include the subject of Streptobacillus moniliformis. Since Streptobacillus moniliformis has been definitely established as a cause of disease in human beings, it might perhaps deserve a minimum of 3 pages for itself. I shall proceed with the writing of this material on this basis, and I would appreciate it very much if I could hear from you, if possible by return mail, whether or not this has your approval.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Albert B. Sabin, M.D.

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