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Dear Bill:

I have spent the last couple of weeks in analyzing and integrating the data which I had accumulated on the various studies on Japanese B encephalitis. In looking over your published work dealing with the Jap B virus in chickens, I failed to find any mention of tests for antibody in the sera of chickens which were found to have viremia. I wonder if you did such tests and what your findings might have been. Another thing on which I would very much appreciate some information from you is whether or not you had found any virus in the thousands of Culex tritaeniorhynchus which were caught by your team on Okinawa in 1947.

Since I am now writing up the tests for virus in mosquitoes and many other arthropods which were collected in Japan in 1946 and 1947, I was wondering if I might make reference to your paper containing the positive results of your tests on mosquitoes collected in Okayama in 1948. If you have a carbon copy of that paper, it would be very helpful to me and, if not, perhaps you could send me the precise title, reference, where it will be published, and a copy of the summary.

I had a letter from Lepine several weeks ago indicating that he was covering the subjects of herpes simplex, herpes zoster, lymphocytic choriomeningitis and rabies. Accordingly, I had decided to eliminate from my own presentation these particular subjects. I hope you will have a nice trip, and we shall look forward to seeing you in Paris.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M.D.

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