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Dear Chuck:

I deeply regret the long delay in attending to the request contained in your letter of November 2nd. I have been away from Cincinnati a good deal during the past few weeks and I have only just now been able to do something about it.

Under separate cover I am sending you today, in dry ice, by Air Express the 3 strains of poliovirus which you requested. They are as follows:

Type 1 -- L Sc, 2 ab (II), KP 2 of 10-10-56

Type 2 -- FAF 117, KP 2 of 11-23-56

YSK, KP 53 of 4-19-54

I am sending you these strains with the understanding that you will not distribute aliquots of them to anyone else until further notice. I would also appreciate it that any work that you do with the type 2 strains not be published until our own data on the multiplication of these viruses in the normal skin of living monkeys has been published.

I read with interest your recent publication on the propagation of dengue virus in monkey kidney tissue culture. Since you failed to mention the work of anyone else, particularly the work in this laboratory on this subject, I can only assume that you had missed reading about it and I enclose a reprint in which you will find reference to this work which was carried out more than two years ago.

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Also enclosed in the package that is being sent by Air Express is a parcel for Dr. Donald M. McLean, who asked me to send it to you where he hoped to pick it up on his way back to Australia. I would appreciate it very much if you could keep that parcel in dry ice until Dr. McLean is ready to take it with him.

With all good wishes and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

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P. S. This is just to remind you that for preparing your stock cultures of the polioviruses that I am sending you a highly buffered medium should be used. I use an 0.5% lactalbumin hydrolysate medium in Earle's solution (pH 8.2) which is gassed with CO₂ to bring the pH down to about 7.5 to 7.6.

A. B. S.