

Djakarta, MAY 31st 1950
Eijkman Institute.

Dear Doctor Sabin,

After some discussion with my wife and with Prof. Verlinde, I am so far that I can write to you that I accept your offer for a position as a research associate in your laboratory but we have to face some difficulties. You know, I have a regular position at Dr. Verlinde's laboratory and I don't like to throw old shoes away before I have new ones. So it is better to make an agreement with you for a year, otherwise I will be dismissed when going to the States. I am convinced that I will enjoy living and working in the States, especially in your laboratory and that I will try to get a regular position at your laboratory in the future, but I can't tell this to Dr. Verlinde.

Perhaps you will see Dr. Verlinde in Rio. I hope you will tell him that we made an agreement for one year, as I told him. It is also better for you, after a year you are quite free to me to say "I can't raise you further."

Another important fact is, if it is possible to transfer a part of my salary to the Netherlands. Please will you inform me? You know, the reverse is nearly impossible.

I want to send to Holland \$150 monthly, this is about 525 dutch guilders. So I have in your country about \$225 netts. Do you think that this amount will be enough for me for simple living?

When do you expect me? I think to return to the Netherlands in September, by ship or perhaps by plane. I think to be demobilized there (there will be a small chance that I have to serve another year, in connection with the Atlantic pact), but I have to do with "red tape" (e.g. I have to ask permission to the ministry of war for going abroad).

I hope that you will not be disturbed but I thought it better to tell you frankly the difficulties

