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Professeur Marcel Lelong
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Dear Dr. Lelong:

I was sorry to learn from your letter of 10 February that you and Dr. Desmonts were having the difficulty with the dye test which you described. I somehow do not recall your mentioning this difficulty to me during my visit in Paris. What you describe sounds very familiar to me, because it occurred for a while in my laboratory until we learned how to overcome it. We found that when toxoplasma are not used immediately, or at least within an hour after suspension of the organisms in the accessory factor in heparin, that the type of poor staining and high incidence of non-staining, which you describe, are encountered. I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I sent to Dr. Frenkel more than a year ago, in which I described many of the details, which you may find useful.

The most important thing, then, is to have all your material ready for the test and to make the mixtures with the toxoplasma within an hour after their removal from the peritoneum. Paying attention to this particular precaution, the test has been used routinely for a long time now in Sweden, Holland, England, and in this country without any difficulty. Please let me know how you make out. If there are any sera which you would particularly like to have tested, I might suggest that you send them along to my former associate, Dr. Harry A. Feldman (Dept. of Medicine, University Hospital of The Good Shepherd, Syracuse 10, New York), who is continuing the work on toxoplasmosis and who will be glad to do these tests for you.

With kindest personal regards and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

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