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Dear Doctor Sabin:

I regret that I did not have the opportunity to speak to you at the end of the Tuesday morning session in Cincinnati, at which time it was my pleasure to award you the citation of the National Medical Association.

With the many tasks that of necessity were heaped upon me at that time, there may have been a slip-up that denied me the privilege of talking to you further at the luncheon which followed the meeting. Not seeing you present, I learned that the invitation may not have been delivered to you. I am sorry that this happened, but we were primarily the losers in this instance.

I further regretted that I could not hear your scientific discussion of the relationship of viruses to cancer, which I would have been very much interested in hearing. If you have a copy of that talk, I would appreciate receiving such a copy; if not, I will await a reprint if and when it is published.

I would like very much if you would send me a glossy print of your personal photograph so that I may publish it in connection with the story of the citations to appear in the Journal of the National Medical Association. I assume that your scientific paper will be taken care of otherwise. I would appreciate very much if I could receive this at your earliest convenience.

Years ago I used to enjoy reading of the very excellent work of Dr. Florence Sabin, who worked at the Johns Hopkins University, and I have wondered if there was any relationship between the two of you. I certainly admired very much her contributions to research in the field of tuberculous pathology, as I have admired yours in the field of virology and especially with reference to polio.

Again, it was a pleasure and I wish to thank you again on behalf of the National Medical Association for the part you played at our convention.

Sincerely yours,

Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

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