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Dear Dr. Sabin –

Your letters arrived yesterday and I enjoyed them very much.

I really can't tell you how sincerely grateful I am to you for having made the changes you did in my paper. It makes the difference between a petty quarrelsome paper & one which is above that and is really constructive. I should have known better and as a matter of fact I did know that my criticisms of Bloom & others were not right, but somehow I felt a

like scrapping with Bloom, not because he had attacked me, but because he had so vigorously criticized your papers. You may remember how angry I was about a year and a half ago when I read what he said about your & Evans papers. Then in my paper I turned about & foolishly copied his antics. Fortunately I had a better adviser than he. Thank you very much!

Also I have modified the note concerning Naegeli and think that I now have it straight. Naegeli was responsible for the name "monocyte" but Schilling was responsible for really separating them into a third strain of cells. Isn't this correct?

Dr. Sabin, please never feel

uneasy about criticism or suggestions you make on any of my papers. I think on it and the more you criticize the better I like it. I'm really very much in earnest about this and want the severest kind of criticism.

I think the decision about not putting the giant cell paper (blood studies) in the series a good one. It seems to me that it would be well to have it seperate.

Also I am delighted to have your name on the other giant cell paper. Concerning it I hope that my criticisms and objections were not too severe. I did feel rather strongly about some of the points.

others of course were minor details that do not matter much. Please be frank with me concerning your opinions on my criticisms. You will have your time busily occupied next year with the new men all of whom sound very promising. I wish I could be there to lend a hand. Dr. Hu will be disappointed for he did want to be with you very badly, however it may be better as you have decided. I can tell you more about his situation when I see you. I think he is a good man, but he needs just such stimulation as you could give him. He telegraphed Cash asking for a letter of recommendation to you and indicating that he wanted to work with you. He did not indicate that he had been invited by you. Apparently

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the brevity of the telegram gave Cash that impression. I am sorry for that because it implied that you were trying to steal one of Cash's men without consulting him first. That of course will be adjusted when the letters all arrive.

I did not know about Kubie's ideas concerning plasma cells. I shall talk with him about it in the next few days as he is here working in the same hospital. They are all well.

My wifes mother and father are here for a week now. When

they leave we shall have the opportunity of seeing the Kubies more intimately. By the way Mrs. Du Bois is considerably improved and seems to be on the road toward recovery.

I visited Calmett in Paris and had long talks with several men there. They have given B.C.G. to over 200,000 cases in France alone and are very enthusiastic. One of the men who has been with Besredka there for 9 or 10 years gave me his opinion which seemed to be straightforward and unbiased. He is also enthusiastic, but thinks that the early claims of Calmett were possibly a little premature and

not based on a long enough period of observation. It is all very interesting.

The papers from Paris arrived O.K. and I have ammended them as previously stated

Delighted to hear that Dr. Ross approved of the papers. If one of them is too long I think it better to send both of them to either The Archives of Pathology or The Amer. Jour. of Path. The former seems to me to have a considerably larger circulation and is better known and therefore is probably a better place for them. I am sorry to bother you with this detail.

A letter came from Dr Cole yesterday telling me that it was his advice that I make

no decision about 1931-32 until I return. It was very good news for I feared that my going to Boston for one year had not met with his approval. He indicated that I might have the opportunity of coming there and wants to talk with me on my return.

If you see Dr. De Kock give him my best. We enjoyed knowing him very much.

Mrs. Forkner joins me in greetings to you.

I shall arrive in N.Y. on July 6th or 7th on the Olympic. Will you be there then?

Kindest regards to all our mutual friends.

Very sincerely,

Claude E. Forkner

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