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Victor A. McKusick, M.D.
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Dear Victor:

Several months ago, I wrote you requesting your assistance in my preparation of a talk I'm to give to the Perinatology Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics. It is in conjunction with their annual Virginia Apgar Award. Among her many activities was the sponsoring of the summer course in genetics, which you ran so efficiently beginning in 1960. I participated in that for a couple of years and found it most interesting and stimulating. I should like to know how the course started, what role Virginia played in setting it up, and what you think may have been its impact on clinical genetics. If you have any stories relating to the course and anecdotes about Virginia, I'd appreciate them.

My thanks for whatever help you can give me.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lou".

Louis K. Diamond, M.D.
Adjunct Professor

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