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Dear Dr. Sabin:

This paper has troubled us a good deal, and it is very doubtful whether Dr. Wiseman can improve it. Cannot you take it in hand yourself, and rewrite and condense it from beginning to end? I am confident that it can be cut in half to advantage. Could not the paper be made a mere factual one, without too many general considerations, to determine which much more study seems required. No one, I fear, but yourself can do this. It is quite hopeless to expect so young and inexperienced a man as Wiseman to do it, and of course it is really your problem. We all have similar troubles with our young men. When they stay on here, we can often train them to think and write more succinctly. We must avoid diffuseness in thinking and writing, as you know. You can call on Mr. Wignall to put the paper in final form, after you have carried out a lot of "surgery".

As you will see, Dr. Rous has indicated in the first pages what may be done all the way through. Might not Wiseman get a more concrete basis for some of his discussion by studying cells in the thoracic duct? You can judge of this better than I. If this is a possibility, why not let him do this in Columbus and report to you?

I shall be back by April 1, by which time the revised paper should be ready. Please let me see it then. I am having the colored plates estimated. Will your budget stand the expense of these plates on a 50% ratio with the Journal?

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Jones

*350 each
700*

Dr. Florence Sabin,
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