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October 10, 1957

Harold M. Erickson, M. D.
State Health Officer
Oregon State Board of Health
1400 S. W. Fifth Avenue
Portland 1, Oregon

Through: Executive Officer, CDC

Dear Dr. Erickson:

In reply to your letter of October 7, it is entirely in line with the established policies of the Public Health Service not to interfere in any way with the release of such information on the poliomyelitis cases occurring in a state as the State Health Officer may deem appropriate.

We have no objection to your furnishing the attorneys the requested copy of the Polio Surveillance record that was submitted from your office to us here in Atlanta.

Dr. Gordon Grace, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, who investigated this case and participated in completing the surveillance form, did so under your direction, and as your agent, while in your State.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander D. Langmuir, M. D.
Chief, Epidemiology Branch

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Alfred M. Erickson, M.D.,
State Health Officer,
State Office Building,
1400 S. W. 5th Avenue,
Portland 1, Oregon.
Dear Mr. Erickson:
We have your letter of October 4, 1957, regarding the parents of a
Portland child who developed poliomyelitis following an injection of Cutter
polio vaccine in April of 1955, and copies of the polio surveillance
record of the case. The attorneys have furnished us with the signed
consent of the parent and of the attending physician for the case.
We have no objection to furnishing the requested copies of our record
under such conditions. Our attorney has advised that we should clear
with you, since the polio surveillance data was obtained at the request
of the U.S. Public Health Service and (in this particular instance)
by one of your Epidemic Intelligence Service Officers. (Dr. Gordon
Grace).

Very truly yours,

We would appreciate your immediate reply as to whether you would be
willing for us to furnish copies of individual polio surveillance
case records to attorneys in this and similar cases.

Very truly yours,

Harold M. Erickson, M.D.,
State Health Officer.

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