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Re: TABER, VINING and WAKSMAN -- U.S. Ser.  
No. 497,548, filed March 29, 1955 for  
ANTIBIOTIC COMPOSITION AND METHOD OF  
PREPARATION (Candidin) -- Dkt. 3199

Dear Dr. Waksman:

Thank you for your letter of November 29th, enclosing copy of letter from Dr. Vining dated November 23rd. His remarks are helpful and illuminating.

If Dr. Vining does not complete his transcript of information from the notebooks before, say, the end of this month, I think we can nevertheless get on file with some kind of an amendment and argument that will hold the application and be responsive to the outstanding Office action. The last date for reply is actually January 13th, but I think we can put in something that would serve the purposes of a reply even though it may not satisfy the Examiner on a number of points.

If possible, we would appreciate your getting from Dr. Orosnik at Ortho, the infra-red absorption spectra of candidin A and B as mentioned at the top of page 2 of Dr. Vining's letter. We could make photostats of these, and get the originals back to you promptly.

Incidentally, I note that in this Office action, the Examiner is rejecting candidin as being a product of nature. This is the first time that this ground of rejection has appeared, since the days when we were prosecuting the streptothricin patent application. Is there any short statement we can make that might dispose of this ground of rejection? For example, where did S. viridoflavus come from? Did it have such an environment that if it had been producing candidin, the effect would have been noticeable on other organisms in the natural domicile of S. viridoflavus?

Dr. Selman A. Waksman -2-

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Your present help in getting the infra-red spectra and on the question of "product of nature" would be appreciated.

In case you want to pass that last question along to Dr. Vining an extra copy of this letter is enclosed; I am sorry that I overlooked the point in my previous letter.

Very truly yours,

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