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Dear Mr. Gross:

Your letter of November 1, 1977, addressed to the Ministry of Agriculture has reached my desk for reply.

I note in your letter that you have previously had correspondence with this Department. Unfortunately, I am unable to locate this material so may perhaps, be repeating information that you have already received.

I am not certain whether your inquiry is specifically on Marek's Disease Vaccination or on the vaccination of poultry for various diseases. If I interpret your questions correctly, I believe Marek's Vaccination is of prime interest to you at this time.

Today, all Marek's Vaccine is inoculated into one-day old chicks, subcutaneously, that is, under the skin at the upper-most part of the neck,

No vaccine is ever used in 100% of the animals, however, Marek's Vaccine is used very extensively, primarily in broiler chicks and, I would guess that perhaps, 90% of these chicks are vaccinated. Vaccination in egg producing birds is practised to a lesser degree.

Please be informed that other poultry vaccines may be administered in a great variety of ways, some by placing the vaccine in the drinking water, some by spray administration in which the vaccine is aerosolized and thus, enters the birds via the respiratory tract. Other vaccines, as for example, Fowl Pox, may be administered by plucking a few feathers from the leg and applying the vaccine into the follicles with a stiff brush or by a wing web inoculation. Another vaccine, Fowl Laryngotracheitis is administered by dropping the vaccine either into the eye or into the nostrils.

I hope that the above will provide you with the information that you needed. If there are any further questions, please feel free to write to me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. H. Langer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P" and "L".

P. H. Langer, Chief  
Veterinary Biologics