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February 28, 1945

Dr. Joseph C. Aub
Massachusetts General Hospital
Fruit Street
Boston 14, Mass.

Dear Joe:

The attached letter from one of our valued members, the John R. MacGregor Lead Company, is self-explanatory.

I don't know whether you wish to comment on the case Mr. MacGregor describes, and if you don't I shall not be embarrassed in the least. If you prefer to let me have your comments to use without reference to their source, I shall be glad to respect your wishes. In any event, as usual, I shall greatly appreciate your assistance.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Felix W.
Secretary.

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JOHN R. MacGREGOR LEAD COMPANY
4520 West Fifteenth Street
Chicago 23, Illinois

February 23, 1945

Mr. Felix Wormser
Lead Industries Association
420 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Felix:

Enclosed find the coroner's report on a colored fellow that was working for us.

This man had absolutely no lead indications, and his stiple-cell count showed "2" over a period of time. In fact, three days before he died, his stiple-cell count was still 2.

This man worked for us over a year, and about three weeks before he died, he went home sick. He came back to work after being absent a couple of weeks, and worked five days. He was taken sick in the plant with such severe cramps that he wouldn't let us move him for several hours. The following day, our doctor examined him, and thought he had a duodenal ulcer, and recommended that he go to the hospital. However, his attending colored physician said he thought Andy would be all right. However, the next day they took him to the hospital, peritonitis had set in, and he died.

We examine our men every two weeks, at which time we take a stiple-cell count. At no time did this man show the effects of lead.

I am sending you the coroner's verdict to see whether you can find any inconsistencies. The chemist is Dr. McNally, who, like most public servants, is not adverse to publicity.

There are no complications in this case that will involve our company, however, if there are discrepancies that you could point out, I would like to submit them to the insurance company, or to any others that you might suggest. I certainly hate to have our records show a man dying, either directly or indirectly from lead poisoning.

Very truly yours,

THE JOHN R. MACGREGOR LEAD CO.

(signed) John R. MacGregor - President

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A. L. Brodie, Coroner of Cook County
Pathological Report

The undersigned has this date 12/15/44 performed an autopsy on the dead body of Andrew Golden at Cook County Morgue, deceased: Age 50, Race - colored, Sex - Male, Color of eyes - brown, Hair - black-gray, Weight - 160, Length - 5' 3", Date of death 12/14/44.

There are no external marks of violence. Autopsy revealed: Local peritonitis right lower quadrant with tabes mesenterica and obstruction of the jejunum with fibrous bands; retro cecal appendix with lip adherent to the jejunum; fibrous obliteration of the appendix; eccentric hypertrophy of the lower myocardium; hypertrophy of the right myocardium; dilation of the ascending pulmonary artery; ancient fibro-plastic thickening of the mitral and tricuspid valve with deformity of the posterior mitral valve calcific deposits within the aortic cusps; atheromatosis of the aortic and coronary arteries; anatomic patency of the foramen ovale; healed right apical tuberculosis atrophic emphysema of both lungs and bilateral cysts kidneys. Liver, kidney, bone and urine submitted to chemist for lead.

Toxicological report #2602: A chemical examination of the liver shows the presence of 2.0 milligrams of lead per 100 grams of tissue; the kidneys 0.50 milligrams of lead per 100 grams of tissue; the urine contained 0.065 milligrams of lead per liter. The sternum contained 0.084 milligrams of lead per 100 grams of tissue. The results of this examination show an abnormal amount of lead in the liver and kidneys while the urine shows a high normal lead content.

In my opinion death of Andrew Golden was the result of peritonitis with obstruction of the jejunum associated with chronic lead poisoning.

S. A. LEVINSON, M. D.

CORONERS VERDICT

Died as the result of peritonitis with obstruction of the jejunum associated with chronic lead poisoning. Said poison received during the course of 16 month's employment at the John R. MacGregor Lead Co. located at 4520 W. 15th Street.

From the testimony presented, we, the jury, are of the opinion that the said occurrence was an accident.

E. F. INGLES, DEPUTY

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