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Dear Dr. Kehoe,

As my project at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, I am doing a study of lead in foods. Although your interests seem to lie more in the area of atmospheric lead, I thought you might be able to help me anyway.

In your paper, "Under What Circumstances is Ingestion of Lead Dangerous?", published in publication #1440, Symposium on Environmental Lead, by the U. S. Public Health Services in 1966, you mention that about 30 μ g of the lead ingested is retained in the human body. I would like to know how much of this lead comes from food rather than water, and how much of the lead in food comes from canning and packaging procedures rather than household sources such as badly glazed pottery.

I would appreciate receiving the answers to these questions if you have them, and also any other information you could supply regarding lead in foods. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Stocker
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