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Dear Mr. Mackert:

I have before me a copy of a letter written to you by Stan Gross on August 20. It occurs to me that perhaps I should acquaint you with the situation which has led me to turn over a great mass of experimental data on the "Metabolism of Lead in Man" to this young man to study and publish.

In doing this I must assure you that I have developed an assurance that he will do a good job of making these data available to other students of the problem and especially those who have responsibilities for the safety of industrial employees in the lead trades. For this is what I had in mind in planning and carrying out the observations on a sufficient number of persons to cover (hopefully) the variations in human behavior. I believe that the data show that the responses of normal human beings are fairly straightforward.

It is especially important that the facts in the matter be made known, for under the present governmental regimen it will not be possible to carry out such experiments in the near (and perhaps, remote) future.

I expect to write an article (separate from the publication of these data) on certain of their practical applications, and it may well be that certain other investigators will take advantage of these published data to do likewise. I cannot do this now (and I may not be able to do so later) because of certain disabilities of old age (ocular cataracts etc.) some of which may (hopefully) be corrected somewhat.

Because of the significance of the data (themselves) in relation

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to hygienic problems, I hope other investigators will examine them critically, and so I preferred to have them made available without my help and without the pseudo-authority of my name except as a source. Gross will employ his own method of presenting them, under his own name, so as to satisfy himself as to their authenticity.

This will explain to you the reasons for the unusual circumstances and I hope you will find it possible to approve of Dr. Gross' work on this matter. He, I am sure, will do his best not to presume unduly upon the interest of your group in this project.

Please accept my thanks in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Cordially,

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