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Dr. Joseph C. Put
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Dear Joe:

Recently another alleged case of lead poisoning in an infant attracted my attention. This one occurred near Philadelphia. As the newspaper account referred to the hospital where the illness and death of the youngster occurred I was able to write for further information, as per copies of correspondence attached.

It looks to me as if Dr. Mayer has made out a poor lead case for again there is no analysis of the paint alleged to have caused the trouble and again the X-ray is apparently used as the chief indication of the presence of lead.

I thought I would drop down to Abington some time in the near future and talk to Dr. Mayer and tell him some of the things we have learned in the last year or so about the subject, but before I did so I would like to have your frank opinion, if you can give it to me, on the basis of the information supplied by Dr. Mayer as to whether or not you feel this is a genuine lead case.

I am glad to report that my Executive Committee is arranging to have funds supplied to Dr. Byers and his associates for carrying on the program I spoke to you about last month at the Children's Hospital and I do hope it will result in giving us enough information to get at the facts in the alleged cases of lead poisoning among children.

With best wishes for 1945,

Cordially yours,

Felix W.
Secretary.

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