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WILMINGTON LEAD TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I attended a meeting of the above committee on June 27. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Stephen Potter, Wilmington attorney.

Dr. Barbara Rose gave a report on the status of testing in Wilmington. To date, 1,105 children have had blood tests. Seventy-three of these children had blood lead levels in excess of 40 ug% and were placed under surveillance for future tests. However, only 8 children had lead levels of over 60 ug%, the level at which many doctors feel treatment is necessary. These children were treated at Wilmington Medical Center and attempts were made to get the lead paint removed from the affected children's homes. However, it is often difficult to get landlords or even parents to correct the situation.

Dr. Rose estimates that about one third of the initial screening in the City has been completed.

The Committee will meet again on July 25 at which time more information on the program will be available.

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