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Dr. Rex Wilson:
B. F. Goodrich Company
Akron, Ohio

Dear Dr. Wilson:

During my visit to the plant this morning, I discussed further the lead problem at the B. F. Goodrich Company. The most recent blood and urine determinations of the lead strippers are not back yet, however I did discuss with Mr. [redacted] some of his findings and several of the urine reports on these men. He apparently has not come up with anything which would give us a clue as to the source of the lead hazard.

In an attempt to further solve the problem the following has been done: Blood and urine lead determinations will be made within the next 24 hours on five foremen who work in varying areas of the plant. None of these men are connected with the lead operation, several have worked in lead in years past, but several have never worked in the area. One is in the large braider hose area, another in the small braider hose area, one in the teflon area, one in shipping, and one in the inspection department. It is hoped that this will help us in that we can show that there is no source of lead contamination in areas of the plant other than in the lead press area.

In addition to this, water samples are being taken of the drinking water and the shower water. These will be forwarded to the hygiene department to be analyzed. I realize that the water source as a possible source of lead is unlikely, however since we have been unable to show any other increased hazard, all possibilities will have to be considered. Obviously the men in the area are being watched closely and carefully and measures will be taken to remove any of them from the work areas whose blood and urine elevations go above normal. You will be informed of any and all further measures, and progress reports as are indicated.

Sincerely,


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