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Note to Science/Environmental Writers

The federal government, communities across the nation and industrial groups are conducting a strong effort to combat the problem of childhood lead poisoning which is caused when children eat old, chipped and flaking lead-based paints which were applied to the interior of dwellings many years ago.

In an effort to shed more light on the problem and encourage greater action, two conferences on childhood lead poisoning were held recently under the auspices of the American Academy of Pediatrics in Chicago and Wilmington, Delaware. The Lead Industries Association, which participated in the conferences, has published edited proceedings of the two meetings and is making them available to physicians and public health workers as part of a continuing LIA program to help in reducing childhood lead poisoning. We have enclosed a copy in the belief that it may be valuable to those of you who are currently working on stories concerning this topic or as a reference to have for your files.

Sincerely,

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