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Dear Bob:

I appreciated very much your letter of the 18th of July. Before I discuss it let me assure you that I have in no way been trying to avoid discussing with you the subject of evaluation of the data which you have developed. Rather I felt that until and unless Paul Hammond gave a go ahead to Stan Gross it would be difficult to arrange to have Stan work with you. Also, I was concerned that unless Paul endorsed the arrangement it would be awkward for Stan and would make it more difficult. I was only waiting for a formal proposal to then be able to take it up with you in a way which might have promise of being productive rather than just a matter of trivial chatter.

I hope that in the not too distant future you and Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Hesselberg will be able to meet and discuss the activities to which you refer. Because of the summer schedules I am assuming that this meeting is unlikely to take place much before September if only because you will be out of the city and its always difficult to get people-together during the vacation period. However, I would hope that such a meeting could take place shortly after the summer and simultaneous with a meeting that I would hope to have with you to discuss this proposal which has been made by Stan. Obviously, such a discussion will have to be in the context of your meeting with Hesselberg and Blanchard.

What I am particularly anxious to see is that all of the work that you did over the years at the laboratory is being assembled in such a manner that it can be published, if suitable for publication, or at least be available in a form to be used rather than being buried in the files. It appears to me that there must be a tremendous amount of valuable information which could be assembled with your assistance but which would be very difficult to work with without your help. Just as the Harben lectures served as something of a spur to bringing together part of that data, I think it would be well if we could now continue and facilitate your effort to bring all of the work to fruition. This will

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enable us also to have a better understanding of any gaps that might still exist in our knowledge which should be pursued in the future. The Weatherhill experiments which were published recently, purport to show that some 30% of the body lead burden is of air borne origin. The question that must be answered is whether this is valid. Perhaps some of the data in your files could help us, at least in part, to answer that question.

With regard to your comment about my position on the staff, let me say that if only for sentimental reasons I would certainly welcome a re-appointment to the Kettering Laboratory facility. As you may know I still retain a position on the faculty of the Department of Medicine. However, I would not want anyone to exert any undue pressure to have that re-appointment made but only if it can be made with good feeling on all sides.

Bob, I do hope you have a good time out in the wilderness and I look forward to seeing you on your return. My very best personal regards,

Sincerely,



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