

April 14, 1966

Mr. Thom Yates
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Dear Thom:

I have been negligent in not writing to you sooner after my last trip to New York when I missed seeing you in person.

I simply want to tell you how much I appreciate your efforts to produce a writing for use in connection with the hearing before Senator Muskie's Committee. I am fully aware that your purpose was to assist Ethyl Corporation in presenting a true representation of the validity of its position in the matter at issue. Your handling of the relevant facts was so characterized by consideration for me and by a sensitive respect for the Kettering Laboratory, as to put me in your debt. My only regret is that this proved to be "love's labour lost," for which I owe you at least an acknowledgment.

Jim Boudreau may have spoken to you about this, on my behalf, but I want to say to you, directly, that I was much pleased by what you did. The difficulty, from the viewpoint of its use or adaptation by the University, was that, in speaking for itself, in your words, or in any words, the University was being placed - or so it seemed to several of our people - in a somewhat defensive position. It was thought that, if this was really needed, and if it had hope of doing what was expected of it, no objection should be made to its issuance. Consequently, no word was raised against it, at once. When, however, on the apparent subsidence of the concern of the Muskie Committee, it appeared that it might be wholly unnecessary, the reservations concerning its propriety - as a University gesture - came to the fore, and I thought it best to withdraw it. I am sure that you will understand this, whether or not you agree with it, and that you will accept, with my thanks to you, my deep regret for our apparent default.

Sincerely,

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