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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Thank you for the several reprints and booklets which you sent me. I look forward to reading them. I, too, was disappointed that we did not meet when you were here. I have talked to Clarence Willard since and he says that one of your engineers will probably come down to help organize the plant in a more hygienic way. I only hope that the workers can learn to take better care of themselves.

Although I failed to answer your last letter, I did heed your warnings and advised the Willards to discharge those employees with blood leads at toxic levels. As I have written you before, so far we have been lucky and have had no serious irreversible damage.

There are still two things that puzzle me which the pamphlets which you sent may help to clear up: One is the difference in absorption rate apparently of different individuals, and the other is the reaction of different individuals to the same blood lead level. It has also been a disappointment to me that anemia, stippling, coproporphyrin, history and physical examination, etc. have been of so little use in picking out those who are in danger. The length of time employed, to judge from my small experience, has also been of little significance. But, as you say, the ideal to strive for is no absorption of lead at all.

Again, thank you for your letters and your interest and help in the problem here.

Cordially yours,

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