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Dear Mr. Boyd:

I have your letter of February 27 and its enclosure of Industrial Bulletin issued by the Industrial Commissioner of New York.

Some time ago I wrote Mr. J. D. Hackett, the director of the Industrial Health Bulletin, offering certain criticisms which were directed more at the ambiguity of an article on tetraethyl lead than on any actual incorrectness of the facts. Mr. Hackett acknowledged receipt of my letter and agreed that the criticisms which I had offered were well taken. At that time he stated that he proposed writing an article later that would clarify the matter. The photostat which you have sent me apparently comes from a different bulletin, since it is labeled "Industrial Bulletin", and it has a different editor, Victor T. Hobbard. I am not certain that anything is likely to be gained by writing to the editor of this bulletin and making any further point of the statements which appear, especially in the next to the last paragraph. In fact, the article states the facts in somewhat the manner in which they might have been put several years ago, and it is to be remembered that most of the information which has been obtained since that time has not been made a matter of general knowledge. My feeling is that the best reply to make to articles of this sort, is to make the facts as we now have them fully available. I am attempting to do this at the present time in that I am preparing a monograph which will give not only the full details as regards the possible hazards of Ethyl Gasoline, but will discuss the whole matter of lead absorption in the lead trades, in the community at large, and even in a primitive society which I studied in Mexico last summer. The facts are entirely adequate to clarify the whole situation, and it is my feeling that there is no possible way of getting around the conclusions which become perfectly obvious from the data. Unless there is further point made of this article, or unless similar articles tend to appear, it would seem to me the

part of general wisdom to ignore them. This is the more desirable in my opinion, because one cannot refer these gentlemen to published articles which present the information in which they appear to be interested.

If this does not coincide with your own feeling about the matter, I should be very glad if you will write to me and let me know what you think about it.

Very truly yours,

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