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Mr. Paul E. Gerdemann, Chief Geologist
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Dear Paul:

In connection with the matter of lead pollution and our telephone conversation yesterday, I am enclosing a copy of C. C. Patterson's article which was published in a health magazine last month.

We would like you to go over this carefully and give us your opinion as to validity from a geological aspect when the writer concludes that our whole environment is becoming seriously contaminated by lead.

Most of this paper, you will notice, deals with biological and chemical considerations rather than geology. The L.I.A. has received opinions from numerous eminent medical authorities that dispute Patterson's allegations. They would, however, like to have the geological considerations analyzed.

I am also enclosing another copy of Chow's article which came out in the January 29, 1965 issue of "Science". Perhaps a representative of the Ethyl Corporation may have telephoned you regarding this by now. At any rate, we would like to have your comments on this and also any further remarks and suggestions you may have to offer with respect to the possibilities of distinguishing between industrial and non-industrial lead through the study of isotopes.

The L.I.A. considers it essential that, for the present, their investigations remain confidential. Consequently, I ask that you bear this in mind and not make pointed reference to the subject except, perhaps, with any of your staff members you may wish to have help you. The L.I.A. is quietly marshalling its rebuttal to Patterson's and other such articles and feels it needs to have it well organized by early November. Therefore, we would very much appreciate having your comments within, say, the next two weeks.

Sincerely yours,

N. H. Donald, Jr.

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cc-Mr. E. A. Jones
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