

May 17, 1923.

David L. Edsall, Dean,
Harvard Medical School,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Edsall:

I am enclosing a copy
of the letter which I am sending to
Mr. Cornish, President of the National Lead
Company. I am doing this in the possibility
that you may want it for your files.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Paul

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May 14, 1923.

Mr. Edward J. Cornish,
National Lead Company.
111 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Cornish:

Several days ago I visited you to discuss the progress of the lead investigation and to present several problems which have recently arisen - problems which require the help of the Lead Institute.

The most important subjects for investigation next year lie in the direction of the treatment of lead poisoning. We are now studying a new method which promises to aid materially in the elimination of lead from the body, and two things are essential in order to continue the work.

First, we need about fifteen patients suffering from chronic lead poisoning whom we can treat in a Boston hospital.

Secondly, we require a good hospital connection. The Massachusetts General Hospital has been very cooperative this year and has given us a small ward for the careful study of lead cases. This is a charitable institution and this study has been of considerable expense to it, as the Lead Fund could not pay for the maintenance of this unexpected development and the patients are mostly poor. It does not seem fair that this charitable institution, particularly in its present financial stress, should continue to support this lead investigation. Further funds are therefore essential to allow us to continue our studies there.

The other problem arises in the publication of a book on the subject of lead poisoning. All of us here at Harvard think this a difficult but desirable thing to do, and I understood from our conversation that you and Dr. Thompson agreed with this viewpoint. I have not yet ascertained the exact expense of such an undertaking, but I assume that the publishers will publish the book without expense to us, or that it can be produced as a monograph in one of the best medical publications.

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This then makes our budget for next year \$23,000 instead of the agreed \$17,000. I am sorry that this situation has developed but, as is usual in research work, unexpected building and equipments expenses have frequently arisen. There is the added factor that far more of interest and importance has developed in the work than was anticipated. We now are in the situation where on our agreed budget of \$17,000 the hospital studies (which are very important) and the publishing of the book would be seriously handicapped, and this would be leaving the investigation in a measure unfinished.

I am writing this letter and enclosing a budget sheet as you requested. We are anxious to begin work on the book as soon as possible so that an early decision on your part would be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Proposed Budget for 1923-24

Lead Fund - Harvard Medical School

Salaries for laboratory personnel.....	\$13,100
Laboratory running expenses.....	3,000
Hospital expenses - for 3 bed ward and indigent patients.....	3,000
For nursing care.....	2,000
Secretary trained in library work - and incidental secretarial expenses.....	<u>2,000</u>
	\$23,100