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Dear Mr. Stewart:

Further referring to the work being undertaken for us at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, you will recall that the questions raised with regard to possible hazards from the use of plastic products stabilized with lead compounds were of three main types, (1) those relative to ingestion or absorption, (2) those concerning the use of such products in the form of food containers, and (3) those suggesting that lead might occur through impurities in the products themselves.

The first of these was an opportunity to deliver a presentation at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, held in New York City, New York, in September 1961.

Neither actual demands are involved or not, it is of course with regard to the second group that it is bound necessary to encourage the use of local stabilizers in the manufacture of steel containers.

The third group, of which examples are given in my document, hardly call for scientific experimentation, first because of their apparent absurdity and secondly for the same reason that the first such work would be out of all proportion to any conclusions that might therefrom. More useful if it be a statement by a qualified and impartial authority to the effect that such work is without foundation.

Dr. J. A. Lince has expressed to me his opinion that such treatment is a disaster, and that the only way to solve their economic situation is to have the Government get involved in the production of food in the United States. I have long been convinced, I believe, that it is this course of action that would solve the problem of the Government of this state. I have been a member of the organization for some time, and I have been a member of the organization for some time, and I have been a member of the organization for some time.

Two Examples of
SUGGESTED LEAD FOLLOWING HAZARDS
through Ingestion of
ARTICLES STABILIZED WITH LEAD COMPOUNDS

It has been suggested that lead stabilizers should not be used in the manufacture of such articles as vinyl plastic baby pants, the theory being that a child might chew up and swallow the garment in whole or in part, absorbing therefrom enough lead to cause plumbism.

It has been suggested that lead stabilizers should not be used in the manufacture of vinyl plastic floor coverings to use in homes, the theory being that a child's traffic could abrade the floor surface, producing a surface dust which crawling infant might pick from the floor, swallow and thus become poisoned.

Both these suggestions need too the data to be worthy of regulation based on scientific investigation.

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