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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
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Dear Dr. Kehoe,

Recently we saw one of our university painters who complains of a peculiar skin eruption and excessive weakness of his legs together with some loss of appetite and loss of weight. The man had no evidence of cyanosis, but had a very pasty appearance and evidently did not look well. The neurological examination was negative. He had several carious teeth but only slight softening of the gums and no dead teeth. The blood Wassermann test was negative. We were surprised to find that his hemoglobin by the Haden-Hauser method was 97 % and the red cells numbered 5,100,000. In following down the possible causes for his disturbance we requested the University of Kansas Medical School to do a spectroscopic examination of the blood for the possibility of a benzene poisoning and they referred us to you.

Is there any way that we can make an arrangement with you to do an examination of the blood to rule out the benzene poisoning? The simple examination of the blood smears showed no evidence of stippling or other abnormalities.

Yours truly,

Ralph I. Canuteson

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