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Mr. R. E. Benner
Tide Water Oil Company
17 Battery Place
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Benner:

In reply to your request for information on the present status of Mr. [REDACTED], we wish to advise you that the most recent analytical findings and clinical information that we have on Mr. [REDACTED] indicates that he has not yet completely recovered from the effects of his lead poisoning.

It is not usual for cases of this type to have persistent symptoms for as long a period of time as Mr. Witter has. On the other hand the complete analytical data which we have indicates that Mr. [REDACTED] exposure was unusually great and moreover, the last sample obtained is sufficiently above normal limits. We therefore feel that Mr. Witter's recovery may not be expected to be complete in view of these analytical findings and moreover continued medical treatment will be necessary until all symptoms have disappeared or until we have satisfied ourselves that the abnormal amounts of lead have been eliminated.

In most instances of poisoning of this type the patient is well on the road to recovery in three weeks and complete recovery is usual in from six to eight weeks. It does however occasionally happen that symptoms persist for longer periods of time and Mr. [REDACTED] apparently falls into this group. These cases do not become chronic and it is to be expected that though recovery is delayed, it will be complete and will take place in a regular fashion.

We would recommend that Mr. [REDACTED] continue his present regimen and treatment and after a proper interval has elapsed, we will secure other samples from him and if possible arrange to examine him, at which time we will advise you of his status.

Very truly yours,

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Willard Machle, M. D.