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Dear Mr. Mittnacht:

In accordance with your request, I am returning to you the file of correspondence with Mr. Ronan.

I quite agree with you that for the present nothing should be done. However, I do hope that Mr. Ronan will keep in touch with the situation and if it undergoes a real change, we may still be able to find out what we wish to know.

I particularly appreciate the information in regard to the epidemic "of lead poisoning as a result of using lead covered wood for fuel". This is not the first time this has occurred since there was a similar situation in Baltimore during the past winter. However, I do not feel that the pathologic findings in these cases have any necessary application to those in the case of Mr. Graham. It has been the experience of most pathologists that the findings in the different stages of lead poisoning and in different individuals are not necessarily the same. As a matter of fact, it can not be said at present that there are any characteristic pathological findings in fatal lead poisoning. Certain things including the blood changes are found with a fair degree of constancy but, unfortunately, the same changes are found in cases where death has come from other causes.

Very truly yours,

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