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Lead Industries Association

420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

July 25, 1933.

To Members of the Lead Industries Association:

Attached please find copy of a letter from the
Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation, with reference
to racketeering in industry.

If you have any information which you wish me to
pass on to the Department please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.



U.S. Department of Justice
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New York, N. Y.

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July 30, 1933

Secretary,
Lead Industries Association,
420 Lexington Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Under instructions of Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, this Bureau is presently gathering data relative to racketeering in general, which data has been asked for by U. S. Senator Royal S. Copeland for possible use by his Committee in later drafting appropriate Federal legislation to deal with the situation.

It has been felt that organizations similar to your own, by reason of your direct contact with the business world, may have noted at first hand the operations of one or several of the numerous organized forms of racketeering which has in recent years come to prey upon business. The information sought by us is covered in the following listed set of specifications, namely:

- (1) Number and type of rackets which may have come under your personal notice
- (2) Methods of operation used by them.
- (3) Methods used by them in enforcing their demands.
- (4) Difficulties found in combating them.
- (5) What effective means would you suggest in combating them.
- (6) What State or Federal legislation would you suggest to correct the evil?

In the situation which confronts us, may we ask your cooperation to the extent that you will furnish us with all helpful information in your possession which may come under any one of the above specified headings. If, on the other hand, first hand knowledge of this subject is not possessed by you, will you be good enough to indicate, confidentially, sources from which you may feel that such data could be looked for.

We will thank you for as early a reply as you may find it possible to give us and, for your convenience in replying, I am enclosing self-addressed envelope which requires no postage. In the event that you would prefer a personal interview, I can assure you that it will be very agreeable to us to make whatever appointment may be satisfactory to you in this regard.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge

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