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Dear Emil:

You will receive a request, no doubt, for information on lead from Mr. Ivan Combe, who has requested your address from me. We have not supplied him with anything of yours, nor shall we do so. You can use your own discretion, therefore, without prejudice, in dealing with him. I can assure you, however, that he appears to be a thoroughly decent fellow. Mr. Combe called me a few days ago to make this request. You will remember, perhaps, that he and an associate of his, involved in the distribution of a lead preparation as a hair dye, came to me some time ago, and for them I investigated the matter of the absorption of lead through the scalp (and otherwise) by means of the use of a group of subjects in this Laboratory.

I found that this group of instructed subjects did not absorb appreciable quantities of lead from the use of the hair dye in an acceptable manner over a short period of time. You have not seen my report on this work, but I shall have no hesitation in supplying it to you if you wish to see it, in connection with your response to Mr. Combe's requests of you, whatever the latter may be.

I gather from Stan Gross that you are to be - or perhaps, have been, in Cincinnati lately. Let me assure you that I shall be glad to see you at any time.

Cordially yours,

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