

January 31, 1950

Mr. C. H. Van Hartesveldt,
Thompson Vita-Meter Corporation,
6402 Cedar Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Van Hartesveldt:

I send you via Railway Express the fifteen copies of our report as requested.

I visited Dr. James G. Townsend in Washington last Thursday and delivered two copies of the report to him and two copies of the Vitameter booklet. I discussed the entire matter with him and two of his associates in the Industrial Hygiene Division of the U. S. Public Health Service. Doctor Townsend expressed his appreciation of the cooperative attitude of your company, and was grateful for the information which we supplied. He took the position that there is nothing to be done, at present, by the U.S.P.H.S.; that the problem is being investigated adequately and the necessary answer will be obtained in due course. He believes, as I do, that this is a good time to go slowly so as not to jeopardize the health of persons involved in the industry and so to jeopardize the business activity here involved.

It may be that you will wish now or later to communicate with Doctor Townsend directly as to his attitude, rather than to leave this part of the matter in my hands. In fact I think it wise for your company to have some direct communication from the Public Health Service. Whether or not this is the time for such action is a matter for you and your associates to decide. In any case, I give you below the full name, official title and office address of Doctor Townsend for such use as it may be to you.

I enclose an extra copy of this letter for your use in informing Mr. Colwell, if you so desire.

Cordially yours,

Robert A. Kenoe, M. D.

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P. S. I send you directly copy of my expense account to Washington, D.C., since we have no satisfactory mechanism for handling expense of this type and under such circumstances, I trust it will be convenient for your company to reimburse me in this manner.

Enc.

Dr. J. G. Townsend, Medical Director,
Chief, Industrial Hygiene Division,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington 25, D. C.

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Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.
College of Medicine Eden Avenue
Cincinnati 19, Ohio

January 30, 1950

Thompson Vita-Meter Corporation,
23555 Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland 17, Ohio.

Attention: Mr. C. H. VanHartesveldt

In partial reimbursement of expense of trip to
Washington, D. C. for conference with represen-
tatives of U. S. Public Health Service in
relation to the Hygienic Aspects of the Use
and Distribution of Vitane (Part of cost of trip
borne by others in connection with conference
with the Federal Food and Drug Administration)

Proportion of Expense

\$ 45.00

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