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Title: Letter
Author: Harbaugh
Receiver: Cummings
Comments:

"While the members of the Board feel that the data contained in your paper could be made use of by unscrupulous persons in a manner most damaging to the industry even though the paper is made unidentifiable as to the location [studied], they do appreciate your point of view and also the significance of your scientific contribution, and they do not wish to be unreasonable or unfair in the matter of publication of the paper."

Harbaugh went on to say that they would approve the paper if all geographic references were deleted. For example the title would be changed from "Studies on Silicosis Occurring in a Southwestern Mining Community" to Studies on Silicosis Occurring in a Metal Mining District in the United States."

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Copy for Mr. A. J. Lanza.

February 21, 1938.

Mr. Donald H. Cummings, Asst. Director,
Bureau Laboratory,
Box 200,
Bangor Lake, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cummings:

I have finally got an expression of opinion from the members of our
Board of Directors regarding your letter of February 2nd.

While the members of the Board feel that the facts contained in your
paper could be made use of by unscrupulous persons in a manner most
damaging to the industry even though the paper is made unidentifiable as
to the location mentioned, they do appreciate your point of view and
also the significance of your scientific contribution, and they do not
wish to be unreasonable or unfair in the matter of publication of the
paper.

In line with your suggestion, they feel that no reasonable objection
can be offered to the publication of your paper if there is deleted from
it all matter which makes its substance identifiable as to the area con-
cerned. The title "Wonders in Siliceous Occurring in a Metal Mining
District in the United States," is suggested, rather than in a Southwestern
Mining Community.

I went through the paper with the idea of making some suggestions on
the necessary deletions, but it became apparent that you could need it
make so many revisions that I felt you could make them better with a fresh
hand. It will require the deletion of references to Oklahoma, Ottawa
County, Joplin, lead and zinc, persons, institutions (including this
association and the Slims) and various other matter. After you have
revised the manuscript so should like the opportunity to inspect it
before it is printed and had been accomplished, since there
might be some doubt on some of the points involved. I assume you think
this need not delay it longer than to mail it home and back.

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Donald E. Cummings.

I fully appreciate your position in this whole matter for I am extremely interested in the progress of scientific work. I believe that the publication of the paper in this form will not detract from its fundamental value to those who are really interested in it from a scientific standpoint.

Incidentally, I recently discovered the lost copy which you first sent me.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

M. D. Sarrough
M. D. Sarrough, Sec'y.

C.S.
Dr. A. J. Lemna
Dr. R. A. Sayers.

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