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Date: 3/21/33
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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February 21, 1938.

Mr. Donald E. Gessinger, Asst. Director,
Bureau of Laboratories,
Room 2510,
Department of Labor, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Gessinger:

I have finally got an explanation of opinion from the members of our
Board of Directors regarding your letter of February 21.

While the members of the House find that the two countries in your paper could be made use of by unscrupulous persons in a manner that detracting to the industry even though the paper is not unscrupulous while the two countries concerned, they do appreciate your point of view and also the significance of your editorial's contribution, and they do wish it to be accessible to members in the nation at publication of the paper.

In time of the year 1940, they find that the two countries in your paper could be made use of by unscrupulous persons in a manner that detracting to the industry even though the paper is not unscrupulous while the two countries concerned, they do appreciate your point of view and also the significance of your editorial's contribution, and they do wish it to be accessible to members in the nation at publication of the paper.

I read through the paper with the idea of making some suggestions and the necessary deletions, but it became apparent that you could not do so many revisions that I felt you would make them better with a few deletions. It will require the deletion of references to Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, Joplin, Lead and zinc, persons, institutions (including the University and the State) and various other matters. If you have revised the manuscript so that it is like the original, I would be happy to assist in the editing and had been accomplished, since I might be some time in some of the points involved. I assume you had been used for some time to make it better and better.

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