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Gentlemen and/or Mesdames:

The following letter is the result of a situation which will be referred to briefly, but can be described more elaborately if necessary. It appears to call for a certain courteous consideration which is of a somewhat unusual type.

The writer delivered the Harben Lectures in 1960 and the manuscripts were published in the indicated "Journal" in 1961. With the consent of the Council, presumably - (my recollection does not serve me well since I suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in 1972) - the Lectures were reprinted, in book form, separately, at the Author's request, for the purpose of a wider distribution, by McCorquedale and Company, Ltd., London. In so far as could be done this distribution was made available by the Author principally in the United States, where it is believed to have had a considerable influence upon industrial conditions. The Author of the work, and of the Harben Lectures, continued the experimental program through 1971, which then found no further publication because of the "stroke" suffered by him in 1972, resulting in mental confusion for some years afterward.

A modest degree of recovery has enabled the Author (myself) to work again over the (for the most part) reassembled materials of the full investigation, and this has been done to a point at which consideration can be given to its publication, perhaps a year hence (since a self-serving schedule will not permit any hasty efforts from day to day).

The question now is presented as to what can best be done toward the publication. In the Harben Lectures, ^{only} the early part of ~~the~~ investigation of a series of sixteen human Subjects had been completed. In order to discover and disclose the variability in the behavior of normal human Subjects, an experimental program continued over the period of nearly thirty-five years. The data of these experiments are now to be made available and eventually a book will be put together in such a manner, hopefully, as to enable other investigators to examine them by such means as may be desirable. Actually these data seem to me to be presented best in the manner of the Harben Lectures and indeed I have been using the Harben Lectures and their extension as the model for such a book. It has seemed to me therefore that ordinary professional courtesy requires of me that I inquire of the publishers of the Harben Lectures as to how they would wish this to be done. I am open to suggestion in this respect, but let me clarify two matters that seem pertinent.

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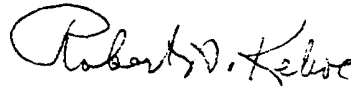
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One relates to the Harben Lectures, themselves. I am not thinking of renewing the Lectures by invitation or otherwise for I cannot travel alone now and I am not thinking of visiting England again, for my wife, as well as I, myself, finds anything other than purely local transportation to be quite difficult.

The other concerns the expense associated with the publication of a book. I am not seeking a way out of this, and since this effort on my part is my "swan song", I can find the means, if necessary of American publication within certain reasonable limits. I should, however, be grateful for any suggestions as to how this might best be done in some thoroughly fitting manner in the professional sense. The University of Cincinnati, in which I am Emeritus Professor of Occupational Medicine, is also of course, involved.

Cordially,



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