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Dr. William U. Giessel
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Dear Dr. Giessel:

I am sorry not to have acknowledged your letter sooner. I have just returned from a trip East, part of the time being spent at the Industrial Hygiene Foundation meeting in Pittsburgh.

I believe that there is little or nothing that I can add to my earlier note. From scraps of information which I picked up at Pittsburgh and elsewhere in the East, I am more than ever convinced that EDTA is a very potent and useful drug but one which should be used only with very clear indications. I am also satisfied that there is as yet no convincing arguments to indicate that the oral use of EDTA in treatment of plumbism is a worthwhile procedure.

Dr. Foreman's paper on the kidney injury from EDTA is to appear we hope in an early issue of the AMA Journal and I will be happy to call it to your attention when we learn the date of publication.

Very sincerely yours,

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Health Division Leader

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