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Dear Dr. TerHaar:

I have the feeling that I have not dealt with you, directly, to such an extent or in such a manner as to enable either of us to arrive at any point of acquaintance or understanding which is satisfactory to either of us. For my part I regret this very much indeed, for I have been able previously to deal effectively, I believe, with any of the technical or administrative personnel of Ethyl Corporation. Perhaps I might take refuge in my past (and present) disabilities as the basis for our situation, but I cannot, since I am still a conscious if not altogether whole person. I would like therefore to state the case of our present necessity of retrieving as much as possible from the experimental work on lead with which both of us are now involved.

As you may know from Bernard Sobel, Stanley Gross has finally made a report on his work in attempting to gather together the data of our work experimentally on lead, as represented by the utilization of a series of human Subjects. What you may think of his report is not my concern, at present, but what opinion you have of the experimental program itself is entirely a different matter, in which I am deeply involved.

Let me say at the start of my comments that I have never consulted fully with Dr. Gross. I was overtaken by retirement at a time when I was too busy to prepare a proper presentation of the work, and after that when I was stricken wholly unexpectedly by a cerebral hemorrhage I was rendered completely helpless for a considerable period of time (years). Surprisingly, however, I recovered later to such an extent as to be able to appreciate and to a considerable extent, to be able to get back to work on this specific task in which I was so deeply immersed for so long a time (nearly 35 years).

On so recovering, I found to my intense regret, that the efforts of Stanley Gross to understand what I was attempting to do were absolutely in vain. To make a long and confused story brief and clear (without going into the gruesome details) I had to get

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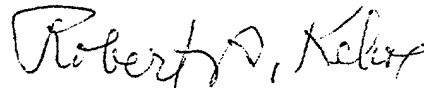
him out of my life, and in order to be honest with him, I had to tell him just that. Accordingly I told Mr. Sobel the truth as gently as possible, and then said that if he and you believed you should go ahead and have his report published (on the theory that he would make available to you two and others the data in such form as to make them available) I would not object, or take any action to the contrary. This, I realize is actually unsatisfactory, but I do not know what else I can do.

Meanwhile, I am putting the entire thing together, as I believe it to be necessary, and in due course this will be published as the work of the Kettering Laboratory, now the Department of Environmental Health (including industrial health) (as in fact, it has always been), of the College of Medicine of the University of Cincinnati. I am slow but I expect to complete the task within 1979, and I believe I can do it, if I take my time, as well as I ever could have done it.

I'm devastatingly sorry to have to say this, for when I was so helpless, I could see no other way of getting this job done, and I am deeply grateful to him, you and Sobel for undertaking this task when it seemed certain that I would never be able to do it. I shall have to prove that I can, but I shall continue in confidence that I can, especially if in so doing I am not being arbitrary and ruthless.

With regards and the best of Christmas greetings.

Sincerely yours,



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