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Mr. J. J. Bloomfield,
Division of Industrial Hygiene,
National Institute of Health,
Bethesda, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Bloomfield:

I am forwarding to you herewith a copy of a letter of Dr. R. F. Kurz, which I believe will be self explanatory. I have also sent a copy of this letter to Dr. Bartle. I do not know when or how the decision will be arrived at, but it might be very satisfactory to me in St. Louis. If there is anything which you would like me to pass on to the officers of the American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons, please let me know, and I shall be glad to do so. As you are doubtless aware, I am no longer a member of the Board of Directors of the A.I.H.A. I am still in office in the other organization. If there is any help I can give you in this direction, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
Director, Kettering Laboratory
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Doctor:

Since I saw you only very briefly at Rochester at the Annual Meeting, I did not get an opportunity to discuss with you, as I did with several other Directors present there, the 1944 meeting. Even prior to the Rochester meeting I had done some ground work with the view of having the Board elect St. Louis as the 1944 host city, and since then, have done some more thinking on the same subject. At every hand I have met encouragement and I believe that Industrial Medicine in this locality needs, more than anything else, the impetus which an annual meeting of the Association and its affiliate groups would bring.

Our Industrial Hygiene group here is an active one and our Industrial Nurses Club is about to petition the national organization. Both of our Class A medical schools would give us a good clinical program on consecutive mornings. Several new industries and plants would afford some of the practical aspects. Since the program of papers is not made up from talent of the host city alone, this could be what we desired to have it. In 1944 it will be the midwest's turn to entertain and an unsuccessful bid was made for the 1942 meeting at Pittsburgh but you folks in Cincinnati beat us to it. Hotel and entertainment facilities in St. Louis would compare with the best. A piece of missionary work could be done here since the relatively lethargic position of industrial medicine could be converted into an enthusiastic situation. There are few Members here and fewer Fellows, but you may be sure that we can give a good accounting.

I have discussed this proposed selection of St. Louis in 1944 with both Dr. Bartle and Dr. Holmblad as well as many of the Directors and I understand that St. Louis rates high. I have offered to do anything that I might do further and, while it will be a few months before the decision is made regarding the 1944 meeting, I have always believed in an early start. It is my considered opinion that we can give the Association as good a meeting as has ever been held and we've all attended several good ones. With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

R. F. Kurz, M. D.,
Medical Director

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