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Dear Jim:

Because he was handling the medical affairs of the Lead Products Company, one of our newer members, I dropped in for a visit with Dr. W.U. Giesel at his office in Houston something over a year ago. I was, on the whole, quite favorably impressed, and it is because he indicated at that time that he had studied under you at Rochester that I am now writing you.

I received recently from Dr. Giesel the letter dated October 19th and appended "Occupational Health Bulletin No. 3," copies of which are herewith. He has now responded to my request for additional copies of the Bulletin.

Much as I like most of what he says in the Bulletin, I am greatly troubled by what I take to be an indication that he has fallen for the Riker propaganda on the prophylactic use of EDTA, a highly dubious practice if what I have been told is true. My first thought was to say as much to Dr. Giesel, but it seemed not unlikely that he would brush me off as a layman trying to meddle in medical affairs.

So I hope you will be willing to take on this little job and, if there is any question in your mind as to recent evidence on this score, perhaps you will communicate with Tom Shipman or Bob Kehoe.

With the exception of the Lead Products Company, I realize that what Dr. Giesel may or may not do for his several clients is not my direct affair, but I feel that I have a legitimate concern as regards the employees of that company.

Copies of this go to those named below simply because I have discussed this question with them rather fully and believe they will be interested. You will recall Ned's "Horrible Dictum" in the August 1954 issue of Industrial Medicine and Surgery and Bob's report on page 341 of the January 22, 1955 issue of the J.A.M.A.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Dr. Hardy  
Dr. Johnstone  
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