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July 7, 1966

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
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Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

I am enclosing a copy of the
Indian Standard Specification for Earthenware Dinnerware.

You will note section 3.2.3 and
3.4 on page four refers to lead solubility and allowable
limits. On page 5 sections 5.2.3 and 5.3.3 explain the
sampling with the procedure shown on page 6 and 7,
Appendix B.

I thought you might be interested
in having this information. It is surprising to me that a
country not commonly considered to be very progressive has
an established limit on lead solubility while the old mother
hen (England) still has no established limits. It looks like
the chick is getting a bit more up to date after leaving the
brood.

Our committee is proposing to
Dr. John Koenig of Rutgers University that he run comparative
tests on the same glaze between the Indian method and our
A.S.T.M. tentative standard method using the dithizone test
to determine the concentration in both cases.

I would also like to report that
our joint investigation with Lead Industries Association at
Rutgers University is progressing nicely and has been extended
into a 3 year effort from the 2 year effort originally proposed.
We feel we are going to have a great deal of worth-while
information available at the conclusion of this investigation.

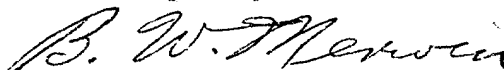
Dr. Robert A. Kehoe

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The wheels have started in motion to move the dithizone method from an A.S.T.M. tentative to a full standard. This was decided in an A.S.T.M. committee meeting at the Ceramic Convention in Washington, D. C. the first part of May, 1966. As a consequence, I feel we are making progress even though we seem to be moving at a snail's pace.

I hope I have not bored you with this rather disjointed report and trust you are enjoying good health and your retirement.

Yours very truly



B. W. Merwin, Chairman
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