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SUBJECT: "FACTS ABOUT LEAD
AND THE ATMOSPHERE"

To Members of the Lead Industries Association, Inc.:

Please find enclosed a copy of LIA's latest bulletin "Facts About Lead And The Atmosphere" referred to in our letter of January 8, 1968.

Publication and distribution of this bulletin is one phase of LIA's efforts to refute the many claims made in the technical journals and the lay press that lead in the ambient air is reaching dangerous levels, a conclusion that is entirely without foundation as attested to by the factual data contained in the Bulletin.

Various authorities including the U.S. Public Health Service are the source of the data contained. Of particular significance and included in LIA's Bulletin is a report published in 1967 based on findings of the World Health Organization (WHO) of the United Nations. They stated that "the lead levels reported in the blood of the New Guinea aborigines are of particular interest in that these natives, living in the hills of New Guinea, away from industrialization and motorization, showed blood lead levels higher in range than urban and rural Californians. The mean figure of 22 micrograms per 100 milliliters of blood was higher than that of samples from 13 other localities, including California, Ohio and New York City. Mean levels from England, Yugoslavia and Finland are slightly higher than the New Guinea mean."

It is hoped that members will use this Bulletin to advantage by personally distributing it to those people or agencies in their locality involved in air pollution control and more specifically those involved in setting ambient air standards for lead. Extra copies for this purpose are available upon request.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Borcina

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