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Dear Dr. Shoudy:

It seems we are somewhat tardily getting the final touches put on the program for the April meeting. I have regretted not being able to meet with your committee in Chicago last December. It has been quite a chore for Warren Cook and all of us trying to arrange the details largely by mail and especially in view of the large amount of material offered. We believe that the selections made will constitute an outstanding program.

It seems to me that the Wednesday afternoon joint session rather obtruded itself as an unnecessary stumbling block. Since we hope that nearly all members of both our organizations will attend this session we would like to make it an outstanding one. Not having had an opportunity to talk with you personally I am not certain whether you have been kept informed completely on the reactions of our members. Therefore I would like to perhaps recapitulate a part and then you can let us have your decision on the matter. Our first choice for offerings we believe would be appreciated by all attending, were two papers on occupational syndrome, Edward Hart, M.D., "The Evaluation of the Vibration Syndrome in Industry", and R. F. Seivers, M.D., "Polyneuritic Syndrome in Occupational Diseases." I understand that you are in favor of Dr. Hart's paper but not the one by Dr. Seivers, who plans to tell us of the neuritic manifestations found in relation to certain chemical exposures. We believe that this will be an interesting and original presentation of wide interest. If you have reason to reject this offering for the joint session however, we shall be willing to substitute it elsewhere on our program as we have already done with Dr. Brozek's paper, first suggested for Wednesday's joint session.

Two other papers appeal to us as suitable offerings and we will substitute either of them to replace Dr. Seivers, if it is more satisfactory to you. The first is a twenty minute paper by Dr. Don D. Irish of the Dow Chemical Company on "Precautionary Labelling of Chemicals". Don has had a lot of committee experience recently with this problem and can bring us up to date on a subject that should be of general interest coming from a man of his caliber. The second paper we believe would be very suitable is

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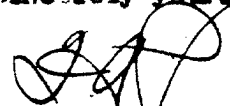
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"The Inter-Relationship Between Man, His Environment, and Tasks" by Willard Washie, M.D., a 30 minute paper now scheduled for the afternoon of April 9th. Please let me know which of these three papers appeals most to your group.

You have advised Warren that the AAIPS is planning to present as their half of this joint venture a paper by Dr. Weber on dermatitis and one by Dr. Gardjian on baso vascular spasm. We are looking forward to hearing Dr. Weber's offering on this subject which is certainly of outstanding interest to a large per cent of both our members. I am sorry that we cannot say as much for the paper by Dr. Gardjian which is too much along the same order as the one by Dr. Hart, but more of the purely medical aspect and possibly, to some extent, a review of his published material. It is the policy of our group to present papers that represent only original unpublished work and we would much prefer to hear such from your men also. Two papers which you have scheduled for other times especially appeal to us as ones we would like very much to hear. First, Dr. Kutscher's paper on Radiant Energy and second, Dr. Hamlin's paper on Industrial Chest Conditions other than Silica. Would it be possible for you to get either of these substituted to Wednesday afternoon so that we could all hear them? I am sure they would either one be of wide interest and well received. Please let me know the deadline for final details of our program arrangements as there are several loose ends to be taken care of yet. Also can you tell me the period of time to be covered in the joint session Wednesday morning and whether it is your thought to have responses from both the AAIPS and AIHA presidents before adjourning to our separate sessions and papers and the AIHA business meeting. I hope this letter has clarified our position and that it will prove helpful to our joint efforts to arrive at an outstanding program for the April meeting. May I hear from you soon?

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


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