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Dear Jamie:

I enjoyed meeting you last week and having an opportunity to discuss the National Paint and Coatings Association lead-in-paint toxicity study. I appreciate very much having an opportunity to look at the reprints you have collected on this subject. I am returning these to you as an enclosure.

I also enjoyed the opportunity of discussing this study with Dr. Klassen and Dr. Oehme. As you could observe during the discussion the main reason for a difference of opinion in the utility of the rat in this study was a difference of opinion concerning the objective of the study. All agreed that since the only experimental effect from the levels being fed would be an increase in tissue levels of lead that the rat was as suitable an animal as any other. We all readily agree that some of the toxic effects of lead are not manifested at low levels in the rat, but since such higher doses of lead would be required, this does not constitute a valid criticism of our experiment.

I hope to get out to visit your laboratory some time during the course of these experiments and look forward to seeing you again at that time.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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A. Lead in Paint -- Status Report

1. Legislative proposals -- Federal, State and Local

a. Senator Kennedy still continues to push his bill (S. 607) which would establish lead standard of 0.06 percent. This was scheduled for consideration in closed session by the full Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee this week, but due to press of other business, the Committee did not take action on the bill.

Two additional bills, reflecting realistic industry position, have been introduced in House of Representatives. These bills (H.R. 5905 and H.R. 6469) were introduced by Rep. John M. Zwach of the 6th District of Minnesota and Rep. John M. Slack, Jr., of the 3rd District of West Virginia.

No hearings yet have been scheduled by the House Banking and Currency Committee, to which all the House bills have been referred.

b. Legislative proposals restricting lead uses in paint still are pending in several states. (See "L&L" Bulletin No. 9). New proposal in Illinois (House Bill 794) would permit lead level in paint to 0.06 percent on all interior surfaces and would prohibit the sale of any paint containing lead over that amount.

c. The Detroit lead ordinances have not been returned to the Common Council for action. Still believed to be under review to correct objectionable provisions which prompted Mayor's veto. (See "L&L" Bulletin No. 9.)

2. Massachusetts Lead Law -- FINAL regulations published

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has issued final regulations for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program under that state's lead law. The proposed regulations, which were attached to "L&L" Bulletin No. 9, were amended after the Public Hearing on March 16, 1973, at which time NPCA and other industry briefs were filed.

Because of significant changes (with respect to exemptions and labeling), a copy of the complete amended regulation is attached hereto. Principal changes are:

a. Permanent exemptions, rather than temporary (until January 1, 1974), for all addressed product categories except roof coatings and exterior wood primers, and

b. A six-month extension (from April 1, 1973) of effective date for the labeling requirements. However, it should be noted that no changes were made to the unrealistic labeling requirements.

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