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Dear Beto & Lucile,

Time flies like faster the older one is than I do. I

best plan is to send this to the Kettering laboratory with a request for it to be forwarded to you. We are having a first real test of summer heat and are finding it a little trying. I hope in France the winter is very kind to you.

There has been very little political interest here as PB is just writing just recently when a meeting of State Premiers & Commonwealth PMs according to the newspapers have decided to reduce heat in public in two steps to 0-45". I think this was probably influenced by a newspaper report of work done in the heat in the West of 105 children in Westport, Tasmania, by the Professor of Chemistry when he found ~~these~~ ^{these} ~~from~~ a number of children with levels of PB of 25 μ g/100 ml, probably due to heat in paint used on old houses (the Queensland story). He concluded this to be with a brain test and also stated that tested what was a considerable danger to children with this content of PB in their blood because the chief cause of PB in the body was by absorption via the lungs.!!

We talked about subsidised bed financing going one up since "Wednesday & Williamson."

"Engine inhibition by lead under normal urban conditions" The Herald, January 10, 1970 pp 3-4, where they purport to show a relationship between ALA dehydrogenase and blood lead at levels below 15 μ g/100 ml. Dr Allen Christyphors is preparing a report for the Minister of Health for Victoria about these claims. He thinks the difference method of estimating lead in blood is not accurate enough to allow them to stand in this region. He concluded if you would agree with his conclusion, you will possibly remember Allen Christyphors is the Chief Industrial Hygiene Officer for Victoria.

Joanny is having a problem growing into a letter meant to be one of Christmas - New Year greetings, good wishes & happy memories. Eileen and I both hope that you have both been in good health and that you are enjoying your semi-retirement where you don't have the pressures of work of the past for some while, tho' I have no doubt you have found that you now want to pick up entirely what has been your life's work.

You probably know Ken Lloyd, a very delightful man who was in New Zealand as a representative of Associated Ethyl & Co Ltd. Pat Barry wrote recently to tell

me of the Diamond, it was one of the very independent

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Time plus the faster the older one gets and we just realized that I'm not sure of you San Francisco address and think the best plan is to send this to the Kettering Laboratory with a request for it to be forwarded to you. We are having a first real taste of summer heat and are finding it a little trying. I hope in Frisco the winter is being kind to you.

There has been very little political interest here re Pb in period until just recently when a meeting of State Premiers & Commonwealth P.M. according to the newspapers have decided to reduce lead in petrol in two steps to 0.45. I think this was possibly influenced by a newspaper report of work done on the lead in the blood of 105 children in Hobart, Tasmania, by the Professor of Chemistry whom he found ~~there~~ were a number of children with levels of Pb of 25 $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ml}$, probably due to lead in paint used on old houses (the Queensland story). He considered this to be high a brain level and stated that leaded petrol was a considerable danger to children with this content of Pb in their blood because the chief source of Pb in the body was by absorption via the lungs! He talked about subclinical lead poisoning giving one reference "McNabey & McIlhenny."

"Everyone inhibition by lead under normal urban conditions" The Lancet, January 10, 1970 pp 63-64. When they purport to show a relationship between ALA dehydrogenase and blood lead at levels below 15 $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ml}$. Dr Allen Christophers is preparing a report for the Minister of Health for Victoria about these claims. He thinks the ditzy method of estimating lead in blood is not accurate enough to allow them to operate in this region. He wondered if you would agree with his conclusions. You will possibly remember Allan Christophers is the Chief Industrial Hygiene Officer for Victoria.

I'm sorry to bring a problem of work into a letter meant to be one of Christmas - New Year greetings, good wishes & happy memories. Eileen and I both hope that you have both been in good health and that you are enjoying your semi-retirement where you don't have the pressures of work of the past to cope with, tho' I have no doubt you have found that you never want to give up entirely what has been your life's work.

You probably knew Ken Bled, a very delightful person who was in New Zealand as a representative of Associated Ethyl (& Co Ltd.). Pat Barry wrote recently to tell me he had died from a carcinoma of the thyroid; it was one of the very undifferentiated growths which progress rapidly. Years ago I then Hestelton & I had a very enjoyable work with him in New Zealand when I was over to choose a local opposition in Auckland to represent the company in N.Z. We are very sorry to hear of all the troubles you have in U.S.A. at present. The historical problems, the Arabs with their restrictions of oil, the devaluation

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IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED OR ANY TAPE OR STICKER ATTACHED,
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of the currency and all very worrying. Poor old England is really in a very bad way.
from agreement with coal mining and nothing more striking and a very considerable
deficit in the balance of payments. Everywhere there seems to be trouble. We are having
very considerable inflation with a labour Government assuming wild things to put their
names to the paper and a 10% increase in the price of a variety of goods, food, oil, iron, etc.
leading to the most serious advice to far more rapid and radical action than
any other country. When people are living like this, but enough of meaning, there is
have four times more than most of the country.
We often meet with the worst of the worst. The very happy days we were fortunate and
living enough to be apart in your company over 2 1/2 years ago. They say we were
moving as fast as it seems now the 2 1/2 months ago were we could find life.
We do wish you with a very happy Christmas and a very happy and healthy
New Year. As our Xmas dinner will be drinking to you with warmest wishes. At least
I think. I hope this will reach you before Xmas. Merry Xmas and a very happy New Year.