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Dear Roy:

I have reviewed Dr. Gross' report again and agree that a better title could be selected. How about -

"Literature Survey on the Toxicity of
Metal Compounds Used in Paints"

Perhaps the full Task Force can agree on a title when we meet next week.

Two other questions should be reviewed:

1. All lead compounds are classed the same on page 74. We all know that lead chromate is much less toxic (orally) than lead carbonate or lead acetate for example. There is nothing in this report which shows the oral toxicity of all lead compounds to be the same. I recognize that this table is a general classification, but does Dr. Gross really want to class all compounds together.

2. Page 41 - Do we really want to recognize or propagate the proposed 0.06% lead limit suggested by the FDA.

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Even the FDA hasn't seen fit to reaffirm this limit and, as we all know, there is considerable doubt as to the validity of such a limit. If we leave this in, perhaps we should add a clarifying sentence.

I agree with Joe Kingston that the recommendations should be deleted. There seems to be no need to include these for general distribution.

Did you and Dick decide to leave out the preface?

Very truly yours,

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P.S. Minor correction - Pg. 11

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