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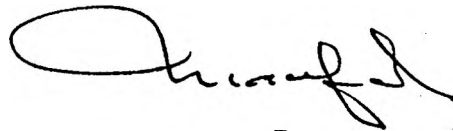
Dear Bob:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 11, which is greatly appreciated.

I certainly would not have tackled this job if I had not thought that I could accomplish something worth while and the inquiries already coming in would surely so indicate.

My initial handicap is that lead is only one of many hazards which have claimed my attention in a rather attenuated industrial hygiene career, and I am, of course, far from being an authority on the subject. You are, naturally; one of those to whom I shall be most anxious to turn for help, and you can depend upon it that your kind offer of aid will not be ignored.

Sincerely yours,



Manfred Bowditch
Director of Health and Safety



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February 11, 1948

Mr. Manfred Bowditch,
c/o Lead Industries Association,
420 Lexington Avenue,
New York City 17.

Dear Manfred:

I heard from you indirectly from George Bowditch during the Christmas Holidays and I have seen recently the release of information concerning your new appointment, by the Secretary of the Lead Industries Association. I need not explain to you why I am interested in this development. First, I hasten to congratulate you on having undertaken a very much needed and significant job. I feel that the Lead Industries Association is to be congratulated in having manifested, through your appointment, a sincere and effective interest in the improvement of the hygienic conditions in the affiliated lead industries. There is great need for improvement, as you probably know. In my opinion, you will find that the need is very much greater than you ever suspected. However, I leave that to time, since I know full well that you would not have undertaken a job of this sort unless you had reason to believe that you would be able to accomplish something very much worth while. Over a goodly number of years I have been deeply interested in bringing about more effective control of lead exposure, both in the community at large, but more particularly in the lead trades. My impression is that these industries, by and large, have not taken full advantage of the available information that now enables satisfactory control to be achieved. I should like to see the lead trades generally brought into such a state that we could say and demonstrate that this hygienic problem had largely been solved. It is entirely possible to do this, and I hope that the lead industries will not wait until the state of society and the attitude of organized labor compel them to do what they could have done with great profit to themselves and to the community, at a much earlier time. I am sure that you will realize that my interest in this subject will prompt me to give any aid and assistance to you that I may be capable of, and that you may wish.

With kindest regards and best wishes for your success and happiness in your new work, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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Dr. Kehoe
Any comments?

Write to Manfred Bowditch

LEAD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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January 15, 1948

To Members of the Lead Industries Association:

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND SAFETY

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Manfred Bowditch to the newly created position of Director of Health and Safety of the Lead Industries Association. Mr. Bowditch will assume his new duties about February 1, 1948.

This appointment should enable the Association to increase its usefulness to the members, to industry and to the public generally through full-time investigation and education in this important field.

Mr. Bowditch is a graduate of Harvard College and comes to the Association from the Saranac Laboratory where he has been Field Director since 1946. Prior to that Mr. Bowditch was Director of the Division of Occupational Hygiene of the Department of Labor and Industries of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for twelve years, which position he assumed after a number of years as industrial hygienist for the same department and for the General Electric Company, where, it is believed, he was the first full-time industrial hygienist employed by any U. S. industry.

For a number of years Mr. Bowditch was lecturer and instructor on industrial hygiene at the Harvard School of Public Health and was Professor of Industrial Hygiene at the Tufts College Medical School. In addition he served as member, secretary or chairman of various state and national industrial hygiene and code committees too numerous to mention, and is widely known in the field of industrial hygiene.

He is author of numerous articles on industrial health and safety subjects and has lectured at many meetings of leading organizations in these fields.

He is a member of the American Public Health Association, a charter member and a Director of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, a member of the Committee on Toxic Dusts and Fumes of the American Standards Association, and of many other professional organizations.

I feel that Mr. Bowditch's background of experience will enable the Association to do outstanding work in the field of lead hygiene and safety.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Zeyfer

Secretary

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