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Mr. J. A. Kelley — Home Office

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Dear Joe:

Earl has sent to you copies of all reports we have from Montana State Board of Health on the dust problem.

In going over these reports, I can only say that it presents a very sorry record. There is some improvement indicated during 1964 but still totally inadequate.

I would like to say that we were misled by our analysis of samples. The samples were taken correctly and prepared correctly. However, there is a critical time element within which the sample must be counted after preparation in the dispersing liquid. An interval of longer than ten minutes will result in a different dispersement, settlement, etc. We were unaware of this and although all other procedures including counting were correct, this time element phase consistently gave us readings of approximately one-half of the actual count. Since September, we have been capable of making correct determinations.

Sincerely

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