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Dear Bob:

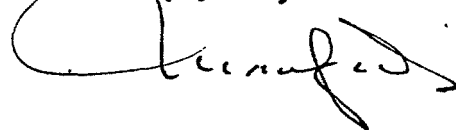
Thank you very much for your letter of July 8. Your expressions of opinion are always refreshing, whether I see eye to eye with you or not.

I am not surprised that you have found so much to criticize in the outline I sent you. We had to get something out in a hurry for a meeting of our Board of Directors, call in the Jam Handy Organization and gave them just ten days to see what they could do. Considering this and the fact that they knew about as much about lead poisoning as I do about the mating habits of the yak, I don't think they did too bad a job. Many of the points which you find faulty have been noted by others to whom it was sent, as well as by your humble servant, and all of them can easily be ironed out by the advisory group which we will most certainly invite to participate if we go through with the project.

What bothers me far more is that you are the only one whose opinion I value highly who has thrown a large bucket of cold water on the idea as a whole. I am glad that you feel that the facts of the problem "could be presented honestly, simply and thoughtfully," for that is just what we propose, and I have enough regard for the capabilities of those who would be involved to think that you are unduly pessimistic in doubting that we "will be able to get this done."

Whatever the outcome, I am grateful to you for not having pulled your punches.

Sincerely yours,



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