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Dear Doctor Kehoe:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 14, and the data you enclosed therein. This was all found to be very interesting, but I am sorry to say that it does not give me the information I need.

I am concerned principally with a certain packaging material for soluble coffee. In laboratory tests made of four packages of three different materials, it was found that the packages contained the following percentages of lead:

Series	Parts Per Million Lead: :					Average
	1	2	3	4	:	
1 Average Weight = 5.12 grams	--	.31	.29	.34	:	.31
2 Average Weight = 5.12 grams	.34	.30	.62	1.74		.75
3 Average Weight = 5.10 grams	.18	.25	.19	.18		.20

It was my intention to inquire about the percentage of lead allowable in soluble coffee, and in that way we could determine whether or not the amount of lead picked up from the package was dangerous. If you can give me any information on this it will be greatly appreciated.

I am sorry I am unable to send you any coffee beans for your use in making observations on their natural lead content. As explained above, I am interested only in the material in which the coffee is packaged.

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I certainly appreciate your kindness in writing and forwarding the data enclosed in your letter, and trust you will be able to answer the question I have raised within the very near future.

Very truly yours,

Verla M. Ford

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