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Dear Sobel:

I am sending to you (under separate cover), a copy of a paper which I wrote in 1966 (at a time when the observations on the last subject, Pauline Brown, (a negress) had not been examined in detail by me. Incidentally, this was the only female who had been included in the study, and she was added in order to determine for the record, whether or not the response of the female of the human species differed in any significant manner from the male in response to the absorption of lead. This rather lengthy article was written by me for my own purposes, so as to be used later in writing up the experimental work. You may find it somewhat deadly, and if you don't prize it greatly, I shall not be surprised. I send it only to illustrate roughly how I propose to handle the interpretation of the data which Dr. Gross is attempting to put together.

Just between ourselves, I am not very happy with what he has been doing and with his viewpoint about the entire manner. I fully expect his manuscript will require a great deal of editing and interpretation. What I expect to do with it will depend on what he is able to put together, but I do not intend to leave it to him to put the finishing touches on the report. Rather I have told him that I expect to edit it thoroughly. I am writing up all of the introductory remarks, a complete description of the manner of conducting the program, and a throughgoing interpretation of the results. The paper which I am sending you together with a copy of the Harben lectures will give an approach to the problem.

I send these to you in order that you and Ter Haar will have some idea of how I expect to contribute to the interpretation of the work. (I'll send copies to Ter Haar, if he wishes me to do so, now or later) but I send them to you, in the first instance, because you and I have talked together at some length previously and we have some mutual basis for understanding this situation, which I think, is almost entirely unknown to Ter Haar.

If you wish, I can discuss this matter with you and Ter Haar directly. I am very anxious to have this, my most important contribution to this problem, presented in an entirely satisfactory manner. This will require a lot of work for me, but I think I shall be able to do it, and I want to do so.

For your information and TerHaar's also, I had no idea, when I embarked upon this matter with Dr. Gross, that it would be so difficult for him to do his end of the task. I am not entirely sure how to go about getting the two of us together. I thought, at first, that he would be content to prepare the data, only, for presentation, while I would make the explanations and the interpretations. However, he has never been content with this procedure, and it is possible that I shall have to handle my end of the job entirely separately. I am determined, however, that it is my duty, and also my wish, to make this work intelligible to any and all groups, as well as to fulfil my role for Ethyl Corporation. If you men and wish to help me do this to my own and your satisfaction, I shall be pleased to discuss it with you, or to do anything else which seems adequate.

With my best regards to you and Mrs. Sobel,

Sincerely,

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