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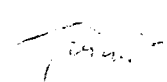
Dear Bob:

I am certainly sorry about the experience you had with Clare Patterson. I believe the paper has been worked over for publication. I am answering you, wondering whether there is some way to patch up this business, but perhaps I should keep my fingers off. Clare does come by MIT now and then and we usually have a talk together. If you give me permission I will be glad to see what I can do to bring about a meeting between you two at a time of mutual convenience.

There is no question but that Patterson does excellent work in his field. He did not pretend to us to be knowledgeable in all the fields in which he has developed opinions in this paper. He came by many, many times to ask us for help and tried to dig in medical text books which of course is pretty hopeless of a man with his background. As you gather, he has a real cause on the subject of the contamination of natural water ways with lead. He thinks with some reason that with modern methods, using radioactive isotopes for the measurement of very small quantities in materials of some of the earlier figures of lead in water are open to debate. However, this does not give him permission to be rude.

I do not hold any great banner for him so to speak but I am sorry when things that might be mutually useful get so badly out of hand.

Sincerely yours,


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