

June 24, 1970

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Re: LH-86 Lead Glazes for Dinnerware

Dear Jerry:

I am grateful for your letter of June 22, and I shall be prepared, when the time comes, to discuss with you and the other people concerned the available information on the tests of the glazes and the criteria which might properly be applied to the results in order to arrive at a standard.

I am sure that the present suggestions of the Potter's Association is much too high for this practical use. I was (and am) skeptical of the standard as applied to small fruits and apples. There was here, however, the partial justification (1) that small fruits and apples enter irregularly and modestly into the general American diet, and, therefore, contributed only proportionally to the lead in the American diet, and (2) that it seemed inadvisable to reduce this part of the diet to a vanishing point, by setting a prohibitively low standard.

I shall await word from you, if and when you wish to have my views.

Sincerely,

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