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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
Kettering Laboratory of Applied Physiology
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

We were all very sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Fred Thamann. We were especially shocked owing to the contacts that we had recently had with him in the testing of our hose masks.

When I think of the many experiments I have conducted with persons in poisonous gases, and especially testing gas masks in concentrations of hydrogen sulphide and hydrogen cyanide as high as 2 per cent by volume, incidents of the kind that happened in your laboratory make me shudder on one hand and give thanks on the other for the good luck I have had. I hope that it continues.

We hope that this accident will not interfere with the good work your laboratory has been doing. Hydrogen sulphide is a very treacherous gas and I am sure that the accident was in no way influenced by carelessness on Mr. Thamann's part or on the part of anyone else. I have done so much work on the accidents from this gas that I can easily visualize how a serious accident could happen to a very careful person.

We send our sympathy to you and your staff and especially to Mr. Thamann's family.

Very sincerely yours

William P. Yant.

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