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Dear Mr. Wormser:

I have not seen the Educational Circular No. 154 of the Department of Health of Illinois, referred to in your letter of June 4th. However I shall make it a point to look it up.

On the other hand I do not think the sentence which you have quoted is necessarily open to serious criticism. Much would depend upon the associated information given with such a sentence. There is no doubt that lead is a cumulative poison under suitable conditions, and if this circular is dealing with the problem of occupational lead exposure under potentially hazardous conditions, the statement made would not be out of order. The only trouble with such statements is that they produce the implication that lead absorption in any dosage whatever is potentially dangerous. This is rather clearly untrue but unfortunately the space given brief publications does not permit the comprehensive discussion of the problem.

I think you must have been considerably disappointed with the paper which I presented at Pittsburgh. I was very sorry not only on your account, but because of a number of other persons who had especially interested themselves in the subject, and I was unable to cover the subject as I had planned. Unfortunately in my preparation I followed the procedure which has been generally satisfactory at such meetings of anticipating more than my allotted time. The gentleman who preceded me on the program availed himself of this privilege to such an extent that I was completely unable to do so, and therefore I did not have a chance to present the most important aspects of the experimental work, which I was dealing. This will be remedied soon, I hope,

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by the publication of the complete article which I am sending to the Journal of Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology with the hope and expectation that they will accept it for publication.

With kindest personal regards,

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Sincerely yours,

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