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My dear Dr. Sumerlin:

Allow me to thank you for your report of the circumstances associated with the death of [REDACTED]. From such information as I was able to obtain, I suspected that some such an occurrence had taken place.

As to the traces of lead found in the urine by Dr. Hall, I take it you are aware of the fact that lead may be found in small quantities in the urine of practically all normal individuals both in the United States and elsewhere. I mention this merely to negative the importance of any qualitative determination of lead in the urine. It seems quite clear that it was not taken seriously in this case.

As to your reference to Mr. Saler who is one of our medical students, I can assure you that I shall be very glad to be of any possible assistance to him. I share your sympathy with medical students especially freshmen and although it is sometimes my lot to have to make their way harder, I always feel regret for being placed in such a position.

Cordially yours,

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