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Room SS 617,
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Director,
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Dear Sir:

According to S.C. Gilfillan, in his article "Lead Poisoning and The Fall of Rome" (J. of Occupational Medicine, Vol.7, 1965, p.57), he submitted a number of Roman skeletons to your laboratory sometime prior to 1965 to have their lead content assessed. My own research involves a similar study, however I do not concur with his conclusions.

I would appreciate receiving a complete report on your findings. I desire to know whether any of the tests indicate plumbism, the age and sex of the skeletons if they were subjected to an osteological analysis, whether C¹⁴ tests were conducted, and any data provided by Gilfillan on the source of these skeletons and the conditions of their burial. If he has submitted any more samples since 1965, the same information would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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