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Mr. Royal A. Brown
Technical Director
National Paint and Coatings Association
1500 Rhode Island Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Roy:

I have read the copy of the Lead Paint Ingestion Study report and am returning it to you herewith.

The following pages of my copy have red signal marks, the margin on the right, indicating errors, or questions of mine concerning marked points in the text:

- Page 3: Four points, as shown in the text.
- Page 6: One point. ("Paint" instead of "enamel", to be consistent with someone else's correction, shown in photocopy, in 3rd paragraph on Page 1.)
- Page 14: Error in title of Paragraph E.
- Page 15: Spelling error in footnote.
- Page 36: The marked sentence is confusing; obviously poorly punctuated or poorly written.
- Page 54: Title of Table 40. The word "with", which appears in the titles of the similar tables that follow, was omitted here.

Unlike Dr. Frawley, I, of course, am not qualified by training to comment authoritatively on the medical aspects of this report, but it does seem to me to vindicate the industry's position that modern paints, those containing the low concentrations of organo-metallic lead compounds that are needed for efficient drying performance, do not represent a public health hazard.

We could, naturally, not expect the Midwest Research Institute to plead the industry's case; but I am sure that you recognize it would be a mistake, when the time comes to publish this report, for NPCA to allow the major implications to remain too implicit.

I consider the MRI report a significant scientific contribution to a major industry problem, and an ample justification for NPCA's investment in the investigation.

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I have retained no copies of any portion of the '72 report,
and will treat its contents in absolute confidence until the report
is released by NPCA, as you requested.

Sincerely,

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Sidney Lauren
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. R. A. Moore

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