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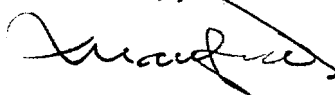
Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your admirably thought-out letter of December 18th. The meeting at which I wished to get over to our Board of Directors your views on the prevalence of lead poisoning in industry took place on December 16th, so I took advantage of the implied permission in our telephone conversation on December 8d and included in my report the two paragraphs enclosed herewith. The figures on childhood lead poisoning are pretty much a hodge-podge and I would ask that the whole be considered rather confidential.

As a matter of fact, I would probably have said little more in this report even if I had had your letter, as I was present at the meeting and the spoken word is always more effective than the printed on such occasions.

I do, however, want very much to get your views on this subject across to our executives in fuller form and I am wondering whether you would be available for a short talk at our annual meeting, which will be held at the Greenbrier on April 9th, 10th and 11th, if things worked out that way. Please do not regard this as an invitation, as the program has not even been begun on and I do not yet know how much of it will be given over to serious business and how much to golf. I'd just like to know, so that I can press for the idea if your response is favorable.

Sincerely,



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P.S. I have just reread those excellent pages in Frank Patty's book. One fact that I wish you had mentioned is that of deliberate "covering up." Perhaps I overemphasize this, but I don't think so. An Atlanta physician with whom I am in correspondence mentioned casually in a recent letter that he had been treating some storage battery workers. I'll bet a cookie that if I went to either of the battery plants there, they would tell me that they hadn't had a lead case in a dog's age.



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