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Dear Doctor Kristofferson:

I am afraid I have dealt somewhat neglectfully with the proposal submitted to Dr. Brust (and by him to me) some time ago. This was entirely unintentional but I must ask for your indulgence for my seeming discourtesy.

I was out of the country at the time the matter was discussed with you, and I have been hard pressed for time ever since, having planned to return to London in October (whence I have just returned) for some lectures which required a considerable amount of preparation. Other things, including Dr. Brust's decision to take advantage of an opportunity to return to closer contacts with clinical medicine, took most of my time, and I simply had to pass up many other matters until I could get to them. I was the more easily diverted from acceptance of your proposal (I did not wish to disapprove it hastily), by reason of our budgetary situation, in that our work on the lead alkyls had expanded considerably beyond our earlier expectations as represented in the budget proposal to the sponsor for 1960, and I did not wish to authorize any further work in 1960 beyond that urgently required to solve certain practical problems. I should, at least, have so informed you.

With Dr. Brust's departure, we have had to reorganize our approach to some of our investigations. This having now been accomplished in a much more satisfactory manner than I could have anticipated, we are making our plans (and adapting our budget) for further work in 1961. It is appropriate now to bring your project up for examination and I shall do so at once. I cannot predict what the answer will be, but I shall consider with an open mind, the views of those who are responsible for this general experimental program (Dr. Frank Cleveland and Dr. A. Wesley Horton).

To acquaint you with my problem (for I shall have to make the final decision), I must point out that the use of tetramethyl lead has come about so rapidly that we are in urgent need of immediate information whereby the hygienic requirements associated with the manufacturing operations can be satisfied. I must consider your proposal in this light, for we cannot spend money at this time on anything that will not contribute to this end. We can consider^{later} less immediate items of contributory information and the satisfaction of our more active curiosities. Now we are

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responsible for contributing as much as possible and as quickly as possible to the safety of manufacturing personnel.

We shall consider your proposal carefully and well, and you will hear from me in the near future. If we can get it into the budget for 1961, we shall do so. I have every reason to wish to do this, for I appreciate very much the interest of other investigators in the University in our activities. On the other hand, I must not allow my wishes in this direction to influence my judgment as to our responsibility to one of our major sponsors in a time of stress.

Cordially yours,

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