

cc: John S. Anderson, M.D.
Executive Officer and Secretary
State Board of Health
State of Montana
Helena, Montana

Mr. Gene A. Picotte
Counsel
State Board of Health
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Helena, Montana

Dear Mr. Picotte:

It has been reported to me that after my departure from Helena early last Saturday morning, you informally requested additional information concerning my appearance at the Montana State Board of Health hearing on Ambient Air Quality Standards held Friday night, May 26.

In reply to your questions at the hearing, I stated for the record that I represented myself and the Kettering Laboratory and that I was appearing in the public interest to state the results of a lifetime of experimental and clinical work carried out by myself and my associates in the Kettering Laboratory in the College of Medicine of the University of Cincinnati, concerning lead in the environment of man. The information bearing on this experimental work is included in the documents I left with the reporter at the hearing.

In response to your subsequent request for additional information, I can only state that I was not employed or compensated by anyone for my appearance before your Board, and thus I was not speaking for nor representing anyone in the sense that you use those terms.

I was advised of the subject matter of your hearing by officials of Ethyl Corporation, for which I served as Medical Director for many years and for which I still act as a consultant. But the compelling reason for my presence at your hearing was my professional concern that the facts concerning lead in relation to the public health might not otherwise come to the attention of the Board of Health. An important aspect of this matter is the fact that certain crucial experiments are in progress at the present time that give promise of providing an early and definitive answer to the question of the maximum concentration of lead in the air that can be breathed by men without any threat to their health or well-being. It was and is my opinion that this prospect should be known by every agency in the country that is responsible for setting standards for the quality of the air.

Very truly yours,

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