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Mr. Galper
14 John OCHS Court
Saddlebrook, N.J.

Dear Mr. Galper:

I was sorry to hear of your wife's dermatitis problems which occurred after you painted the inside of your house.

As you know, Dr. C. F. Reinhardt from the Du Pont Medical Section contacted your wife's doctor to discuss the medical aspects of the problem. I am writing to suggest what might be done to insure that all airborne mercury be avoided in the future.

Most latex paints contain small amounts of mercury as preservatives. For example, the paint you used contains 0.023% mercury, most of which remains in the paint film after application. If you must avoid all contact with mercury, I suggest you use wallpaper or a solvent based paint such as Duco® Satin Sheen Enamel or Dulux® Alkyd Flat Wall-Paint.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

William W. Miller
Toxicity & Pollution Control Coordinator

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