

January 2, 1974

To: Doctors D. R. Johnson and L. I. Kleinman
From: Robert A. Kenoe, M.D.
Re: Grant Proposal

Your memo of December 28th about renal disease, in relation to a proposal for a grant, finds me unable to enlighten you with respect to a means of getting at the nature of renal involvement in lead poisoning in the child. May I say "offhand" that I doubt that the mechanisms in the child (particularly pathologic mechanisms) are reproducible in experimental animals of the usual laboratory type. You will, I believe, find it necessary to make no assumptions concerning the nature of the renal damage due to lead in the human child or adult. There has been too much confusion, I believe, as to the nature of the damage inflicted by lead, on the kidney of the human adult, and, moreover, I think it likely that the damage in the child is different from that in the adult in most instances.

I am indeed interested, but ignorant.