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Mr. F. E. Hart  
Anaconda Wire and Cable Company  
Marion, Indiana

Dear Mr. Hart:

If I were responsible for the medical care of your men at the Marion plant, I should, at least for a time, examine the men at quarterly intervals. If the exposure were more serious, I would do this more frequently, but since there is not a very serious exposure, I believe that quarterly examinations would be ample and that in a comparatively short time you would have a sufficient record on each man so as to provide fairly adequate evidence of their physical condition, and on the extent of their exposure. In the course of these quarterly examinations, I would at the start make complete blood examinations on each man. Subsequently if it was demonstrated that no justification existed for this amount of work, I would at least do a determination of the haemoglobin and examine a stained smear for the microscopic evidence of lead absorption in the form of stippling. Negative evidence in this direction built up over a period of time would serve adequately to demonstrate the absence of hazardous exposure. Positive evidence, of course, would indicate either that the exposure is greater than is anticipated, or that something had happened to change and increase it.

Very truly yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.