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Dear Bob:

You may find of interest the enclosed exchange
with George Wheatley concerning the "Consumers' Re-
search Bulletin" item which I also submitted to you.

Sincerely,



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METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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April 15, 1952

Mr. Manfred Bowditch
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Dear Manfred:

In reference to the April issue of "Consumer's Research Bulletin," Dr. McConnell has called my attention to analyses which were made some years ago when Wade Wright was in our Industrial Medical Department on foods, candies and dentifrices, with respect to their lead content. Consumers' Research is digging up an old bone.

The analyses of many well known candies and foods, according to the study, showed lead content in milligrams per pound ranging from .05 for a brand of canned corn, up to 16.5 for a milk chocolate bar. At that time, this information was not released. Apparently people have gotten along very well.

Dr. Wright's inquiry was initiated in the thought that popular foil-wrapped package candy might contain minute quantities of lead. To his surprise, many such candies did contain significant quantities of lead, but the foils in which they were marketed were lead free!

I pass this along for your information. We would not want it publicized. I would be interested in what Dr. Kehoe has to say.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ George

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