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Dear Dick:

Having returned from my vacation in Montana some days ago, I've been busy cleaning up the accumulation of correspondence and unfinished business since. I am somewhat out of touch, or at least, I have the feeling after spending four weeks in the wilderness. It is partly on that account that I think it wise to inquire what is going on, or about to be going on, in your area of trouble shooting before planning my own course.

As it happens, I have an urgent invitation to participate in a meeting of my European colleagues which is being called together by a doctor friend in Holland, for the purpose of getting together a report for presenting at the International Congress in Tokyo in September 1969 on the tolerable level of lead in the industrial (occupational) environment. This will come late in November. There is no announced intention of discussing the standard for general atmospheric concentration of inorganic lead, but it seems likely that this will come up, and that there will be some opportunity to speak on it.

I am not much interested in the industrial standard, for a number of reasons, but I would not like to see it dealt with irresponsibly, and since we have some highly pertinent information gained from our experiments on the inhalation of lead concentrations near the threshold, I shall be glad to make use of it.

One reason for writing to you about this arises out of the possibility that some developments in the European scene might make it desirable for me to visit people in other cities than Amsterdam. You would be the one person who would know about this. I'm not looking for any additional reason for going abroad, nor am I seeking any other work to do. Moreover, I'm not trying to find a reason for traveling on an expense account. That is another reason for writing to you for information rather than to George Kirby. The latter might well suspect that some such idea was being held in the back of my mind, whereas you will know, I am sure, that I'm merely seeking pertinent information. I'd hate to go off on my own and return home similarly, only to find that it would have been wise to spend a few days elsewhere in Europe. I shall, of course, see Ray Bevan and Pat Barry, and that is another reason for being informed of anything that is brewing.

You can, of course, speak of this to anyone who may be concerned, but I am especially interested in having your opinion on the status of our concerns in Europe. I should prefer to make this a very brief trip so as to complete it within a week, so that I am not enthusiastic about extending it. But it will be better to kill two or more birds with one stone, than to duplicate the performance. With best regards,

Sincerely,

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