

October 24, 1932

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New York

Dear Mr. Mitnacht:

After talking to you the other day relative to the [REDACTED] case, I looked up the matter of Dr. Norris and Dr. Gattler, remembering too late to point out to you that Dr. Norris had been medical examiner in New York City for some years and that he had done some of the autopsy and subsequent investigations in connection with the Bayway poisoning. I have no knowledge of how Dr. Norris and Gattler obtained information about the [REDACTED] case. However, my best guess is that something in the situation lead them to believe that this case was similar to the Bayway poisoning and that they might find tetraethyl lead in the tissues as they did in certain of the Bayway cases. I have no reason to believe that either of these gentlemen is other than an able and honest investigator. Consequently, I do not believe that you need to have any fear of their findings in this case.

I have not heard from Dr. Sanders up to the present as to his investigations in this case. I have wired him to send me a report and I shall probably hear from him shortly. I shall be away from the laboratory this week and will probably see you in New York Friday or Saturday. I shall arrange that any information which arrives in my absence shall be transmitted to me in your care. Perhaps, with a little real information, we shall be able to size up the problems in this case. As yet I am completely in the dark.

Very truly yours,

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