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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

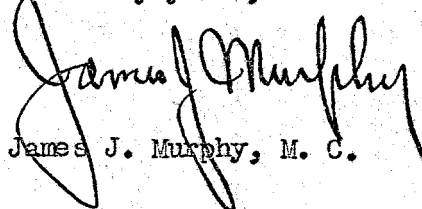
The basic reason for my introduction of H. J. Res. 218 and for similar legislation last year is that the United States Public Health Service had no funds whatsoever with which to pursue research into air pollution. The United States Public Health Service attempted to provide for such a survey in its regular appropriation bill but the provision was stricken out. I believe this is also true of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines. Therefore, if this legislation is not approved there will be no foreseeable means of attempting a proper, nationwide survey.

This problem came to my attention through the contamination of the air about Staten Island. I immediately sought the help of the United States Public Health Service and learned that they were unable to attempt any kind of a substantial survey because there was no money with which to engage competent technical assistants for the purpose.

I was very glad to have the benefit of your views and would appreciate any supplementary opinion if this explanation may modify any pre-existing opinion you may have had.

Thanking you for your generous cooperation last year and during the current Session, I am

Sincerely yours,


James J. Murphy, M. C.

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