

July 22, 1969

P.S.I. Barry, M.D.
The Associated Octel Company Limited
Ellesmere Port, Cheshire L65 4HF
England

Dear Pat:

I have been delayed in writing to you about your paper on the results of your work with Dr. Mossman, by the seemingly great number of things which had to be done, if possible, before I should set out for the Western Mountains on my vacation. I had gone over it shortly after its receipt, and thought it excellent, but I seemed to be busy every day with things that were difficult to postpone, so that now on my last day in my office for a month, I must attend to it. I went over it again yesterday, looking to see what, if anything I could criticize, but I concluded, again, that it is clear and straightforward in its presentation of the facts. I can see no reason for altering it. It is well written, and the facts are interesting.

I quite agree that the work is worthy of extension, and I hope you do go on with it in order to see what further evidence can be obtained as well as to gain in numbers of data. I strongly suspect, however, that you will simply emphasize the trends which have been revealed. You have several new observations which are of great interest and significance. The initial lead content of the skeleton (and other tissues) of the very young infants is to some extent a confirmation of our few findings, but the different relationship between the skeletal content and that of the soft tissues of the infant and young child, as compared to the adult, has not been reported before, so far as I know, and certainly not so plainly. This is highly important, as a physiological fact, and as a matter of practical, clinical significance. The difference between the male and the female is also highlighted by these data. You should, I think, be very much pleased by the outcome of this investigation. I would appreciate your acquainting Dr. Mossman with my views, and extending my congratulations to him.

I believe that, with Dr. Fairley's good offices, a schedule has been worked out for our Australian visit and tour. He has certainly gone to a great deal of trouble, and I am most appreciative. It should be an highly interesting trip for us, and I do hope that the professional part of it will be beneficial and gratifying to Dr. Fairley and his associates, and also, I must add, to you. You will know, better than I, I suspect, whether it works out beneficially. I have had about thirty of my lantern slides converted to the small, lightweight 2 x 2 inch size, which take up little space and can be carried easily. This will make what I shall say much more intelligible, and I feel sure that some of the physicians, other than those in your group, will find the subject to be of some interest.

Belatedly, one point occurs to me, in connection with your paper. You have not made point of the lead content of the calvarium, or stated more accurately,

KE 00000000

P.S.I. Barry, M.D.

Page 2

July 22, 1969

perhaps, the temporal bone. I wonder why this was not remarked upon, at least, since it is something new. It may be that you considered your data too sparse to be significant. However, I think, I would mention this, if only cautiously as a matter of interest and curiosity.

Returning now to our trip, Lucile and I plan to go to San Francisco on September 8, so as to have a few days there before taking off, on the 12th, to Tokyo. I suspect that Tokyo is where I shall see you next. If anything of interest turns up, this month, let me know and I'll reply when I return from Montana on August 24. Meanwhile, my best regards to you and Anne.

Faithfully yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.
Professor Emeritus of
Occupational Medicine

RAK:wp

KE 0006027