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Dear Doctor Sanford:

I am sending you herewith the analytical results obtained on the last series of regular samples supplied to us some time ago.

In accordance with my usual custom, I have underscored all those results which are significantly high. I am glad to say that there are only two such results among the urine samples. There is something rather significant about the fact, however, that [redacted] and [redacted] have shown high values on both occasions.

When we come to the results on the feces, there are quite a number of high results which in themselves would not be significant necessarily except for the fact that in the main correspondingly high results occurred in the same individuals in the second quarter. Thus there are twelve high results that occur among the same individuals during these two quarters. It was suggested that the high results obtained during the previous quarter might be due in part to the contamination of sample containers which had been kept in storage at the plant for an unduly long period. With the results available for the present quarter, it is quite apparent that that explanation is not tenable and that we are dealing here with lead exposures which are either the result of unusually high lead content of food or are associated with a considerable degree of exposure in the plant.

This condition is by no means alarming but requires rather careful examination into the facts with respect to the exposure of the men involved.

Very truly yours,

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