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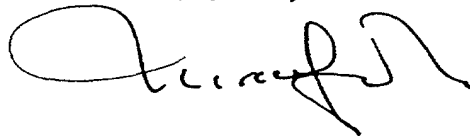
Dear Joe:

I expect to be in Boston quite shortly and hope that I may have an opportunity to discuss with you the proposed Massachusetts bill, sponsored by the Food and Drug Division of the Health Department, of which a copy is enclosed.

As I read this strange item, it would outlaw not only articles containing substantial amounts of potentially toxic substances, such as lead soldiers and casting sets, as well as articles coated with lead, cadmium or selenium paints, but would place in the same category any articles or coatings containing even microscopic quantities of these substances and toys joined with the usual types of solder also. We all know that, in terms of micro-analysis, there is no such thing as a lead-free paint, and it is pretty hard to conceive of any hazard attributable to the fact that a toy automobile is tacked together with tin-lead solder.

Here's hoping that sanity may prevail in the good old Bay State.

Sincerely yours,



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