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Dr. R. S. Austin,
Department of Pathology,
Cincinnati General Hospital.

Dear Dr. Austin:

I am sending you herewith the analytical results obtained on the tissues of [REDACTED]. Inasmuch as there was some question about this man's lead exposure, samples of urine and blood were obtained prior to his death. I enclose copies of these results for inclusion in the record. Two copies of the reports are being sent, and I presume you will forward one set for the information of clinicians.

The results on other metals were obtained as a part of an investigative program which we have been carrying on for some years in relation to the trace metals. However, there are no points of practical interest in the results on any of the metals except lead. The lead concentration in the skeleton of this man was not remarkably high, but that in the liver was excessive in relation to the other results. This fact is in agreement with the analytical results on the blood and urine, and the combination of results would appear to indicate that this man had had a rather severe exposure to lead during a fairly brief period immediately before his death. It is obvious that his lead exposure had not been continuous or regularly severe during his work as a painter, which is said to have gone on over a period of 38 years.

In my opinion, it is improbable that his lead absorption had any important relationship to his terminal illness.

Cordially yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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