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Dear Manfred:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your letter relating to Doctor Gladys Winter. As you suspected, I have heard from the lady and have replied, giving her my best advice. I am not, as yet, involved in the situation, and I shall be duly cautious.

I have your further letter concerning the Martin Service Company. I do know something about this outfit, more or less to my sorrow. The president is a very officious woman who has been making all manner of trouble for us, specifically for John Lauer, the medical director of National Lead Company locally. This is an insurance service company, which undertakes, among other things, to make as good bargains as possible with employees with respect to compensation for illness and injury. Their activities in that regard may be very good and very useful, and because I know little about the need for such service and the technique of doing it, I shall not commit myself on this matter. What I do know is that this lady, who has no knowledge or experience that would qualify her, knows all about lead poisoning and is prepared to arrive at diagnoses regardless of how she may differ with others, including physicians. There have been several instances of late in which I could have rejoiced seeing her submerged in a deep pool with a very heavy weight of lead attached to her.

There is no reason why she should not have any and all information that you may choose to give her, but I would suggest that a certain caution on your part in your dealings with such a situation might well be justified.

Cordially yours,

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