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To Physicians in the Lead Industry:

The attached letter from Dr. Charache of The Johns Hopkins Hospital enlists our cooperation in finding subjects for some special hematology studies. I believe the letter is self-explanatory and hope that any of our people who feel they have something to offer will contact him directly.

Very truly yours,

Don G. Fowler

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Director of Health and Safety

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Lead Ahead with Lead

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Dear Mr. Ziegfeld:

I have read with interest your recent article on lead poisoning in the Archives of Environmental Health. Over a period of years, and particularly during the past summer, our laboratory has been interested in an abnormal hemoglobin found in some patients with lead poisoning. Our studies have been conducted almost exclusively in paint-eating children. As you know, pediatric lead poisoning is almost exclusively a disease of the summer months, and we are searching for a group of lead-poisoned animals or patients to carry our investigations further. I would appreciate your circulating this letter to any industrial health services or research laboratories you think appropriate; I have already written to Dr. Kehoe in Cincinnati and to Dr. Fleming at du Pont.

Our studies suggest that the presence of the abnormal hemoglobin is not related to symptomatology at the time of study. We have been unable to produce the abnormal hemoglobin in acutely poisoned dogs. We are anxious to locate 1) a colony of chronically poisoned animals and 2) a group of (preferably symptomatic) lead-poisoned adults. Our interest is twofold: 1) to determine the incidence of the abnormal hemoglobin, and 2) to study in greater detail blood from a few individuals with the abnormal hemoglobin. The animals or patients would have to be either within a half day drive from Baltimore or in a location where laboratory facilities could be "borrowed" for a day or so.

I would greatly appreciate your help in our investigations. We would, of course, inform any cooperating institutions of the results of our studies.

Yours truly

Signed: Samuel Charache

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