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Dear Mr. Wilkening:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of August 13th concerning the statement made by B. B. Brodie et al., concerning the conversion of tetraethyllead to a carcinogenic compound. This was called to my attention recently by a member of the bibliographic staff of the Department. In my efforts to wind up my affairs in the Department and to get away on a much-needed vacation (on a trout stream in Montana, from which I have just returned), I neglected to do anything about this, and I am glad to that you have reminded me.

I have no clue to the background of this remark, but I suspect that something in the literature (perhaps in a Russian publication) was responsible. In any case, we are trying to find out. I shall certainly follow these up and am considering how best to do it.

As to my retirement, it may interest you to know that I am heading for Santiago, Chile for the next three months, as a consultant to the Pan American Health Organization through Jack Bloomfield. After that I hope to return, on some part-time basis, to the Laboratory, and to have a quiet corner, with freedom from other responsibilities, where I can gather together the material on lead, which we have been collecting for many years, for publication as a monograph.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.