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Copy for Dr. W. F. Machle

June 28, 1934.

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,
Laboratory of Applied Physiology,
University of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Kehoe:

I hope you will forgive me for not replying earlier to your letter of June 18 concerning the possible toxicity of lead stearate treated Vinylite Denture Resin. It happens that our President and General Manager were out of town and I wanted to discuss your point of view with them and then let you have their reaction.

I am grateful to you for turning the correspondence over to Dr. Machle to whom I shall send a copy of this letter. I am also glad to know that in your absence he will be prepared to work out the subsequent development of the problem.

Our group appreciates very greatly your advice that we avoid the use of lead stearate on the grounds that the prevailing attitude is so much against lead-containing substances. We are also glad to know that you feel that the use of lead in this way would be in nowise hazardous, but we agree with you that it would certainly be open to serious question and possible legal trouble.

At present, since discussing your letter, we are endeavoring to get around our difficulty by some other means, and if this proves to be possible, there will be no need of the investigation about

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which we wrote you. We will ofcourse keep you informed of the progress we make here.

Thanking you again for your courtesy in considering our problem and for your willingness to carry out the investigation, we are

Very sincerely yours,

Edward E. Marbaker

E. E. Marbaker, Ph.D.,
Research Department.

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CC: - Dr. W. F. Mashie

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