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Dr. Elton S. Osborne, Jr.
Acting Chief, Division of Special Health Services
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Public Health Service
Washington 25 D.C.

Dear Doctor Osborne:

Please accept my thanks for sending me the statements as issued. These are entirely acceptable to me, and they are as satisfactory, in my opinion, as the time available and, especially, the peculiar set of circumstances would permit. I do hope that the Committee, as a whole, served its immediate purpose in the eyes of yourself and your associates, including Surgeon General Burney, and I also trust that my own dearth of time, as well as my viewpoint, was not the source of too much trouble.

As to the future of this troublesome matter, I believe the desired result can be achieved through the joint action of the major purchasers and distributors of toys, brought to bear on the manufacturers, and perhaps through the latter, complaint manufacturers. I am meeting a few of the major purchasers the week after next (October 24 or 25) to discuss their problems, and I shall have something substantial to report at a subsequent meeting of the Committee if such a meeting is desired. This meeting comes about as the result of a consultation desired by one of the purchasers, prior to my appointment to your Committee, and it does not involve any entanglement that would embarrass either me, or the Service through me, since it is in the line of my duty to this Laboratory and University.

Sincerely yours,

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