

March 7, 1973

Mr. Albert Houck
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Dear Mr. Houck:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of February 1. I am glad to know that some reasonable approach to justice has come out of this. It is true that damage to the land, in this case, might have been rated higher, but I don't believe anyone could rate it precisely. I do not believe, for example, that any permanent damage was done. After a few years, the lead content of the surface layers of the soil will have been reduced, and very little evidence of the one-time damage will remain. Just how to appraise this particular matter, is indeed a bit of a problem and I do not criticise "his honor" too severely.

As to the news about your son, my feelings are a bit mixed. I'm glad he was admitted at Hahneman, and you (and he) may be pleased to be near home. However, I would have been better pleased to have him admitted in Cincinnati. Here again, it is very difficult for Admission Committees to do a faultless job. I am told that our Committee had over 2,000 applicants from whom to choose a class of 180+ students. How does one do this? It seems to me that mistaken judgments are inevitable, to some extent.

However, let me express my thanks again to you and my satisfaction in having dealt with you and the Noerr's in something approaching a satisfactory outcome.

Sincerely yours,

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