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Dean, University of Cincinnati,  
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Dear Sir;

I am a victim of metallic poisoning from electric welding and acetylene burning etc.

I was a pipe coverer exposed to abrasive dusts and wool and hair from the various insulations I used aboard ships either building or in repair. The organic were Hair from hair felt and wool from curly hair and other trade names for cold water insulation and low temperatures used in refrigeration.

While working at my trade I was directly exposed to the many metals shown in the inclosed analysis along with the large volumes of lead and chromate fumes liberated from the bulkheads and other painted surfaces.

I note from time to time in my reading of various books on toxicology your University taking a part in this type of research.

I further note that to often one writer refers to another and this repetition occurs I think to often. Seems like a ride on the merry go round. We get back to the first writer.

Have you anything you can offer me that will help me convince my doctors that they should help me rather than keep treating me at one time for grippe now bad fibrosed lungs and a bad heart?

Does lead affect the muscles to the extent one becomes fatigued rapidly and cannot use his hands and body, this is my case. My wrists are very weak and this after seven years after exposure. (Last exposure)

I was exposed to these fumes in confined areas aboard Navy ships which are far different from the type of merchant ship built during the war. Here on war ships are many decks closed off from atmosphere and the fumes collect more rapidly and hang dead due to lack of air flow. *for a period of eight years.*

Any information you may have will help me in my research. Another thing I find is a startling lack of physicians schooled in industrial medicine. I find many in the art of industrial prevention but too damned few in the cure after the prevention failed. Do you teach Industrial medicine as a full course in your college?

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