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Dear Doctor Williams:

I suspect that I may have become a bit anxious about the material which I gave to you and Mr. Higgins to examine, because of the numerous difficulties which have overtaken transportation facilities for mail, in this and your own country, in association with weather conditions lately. I certainly do not wish to create any additional difficulties, but I admit to being concerned about the fate of the various articles which I gave you.

Considering that these and a few other manuscripts are the only means available to me for connecting of my earlier life with its present, you can appreciate in all likelihood my concern that they should not be out of my possession for any considerable period. I hope therefore that you will return them to me soon. I realize, of course that the time available to you when you were in Cincinnati was not enough.

In stating my situation above, I want also to warn you and Mr. Higgins not to take too seriously the significance of the matters brought to your attention in these fragmentary progress reports and reprints.

They do not cover the matters represented by the data and by the purposes of the research in anything resembling an appropriate approach to the physiological handling of lead compounds in the human body. Therefore they are not worthy of the expenditure of much time and exertion. The real problem or set of problems at issue is to develop an understanding of the physiological behavior of lead when absorbed into the human body. This can be done only by a comprehensive examination of the step by step and the short and long periods of exposure. I hope eventually to be able to visualize these processes to such an extent as to be able to establish the facts clearly and for all time in many if not all of the situations of significance. I am busily engaged in studying the data.

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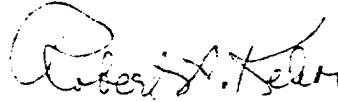
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all of them - and if I live long enough to complete the task as far as it has been investigated, my report thereof will be worthy of careful consideration. Until then what I do is not satisfactory, therefore, I want to get on with it as rapidly as I can.

With this attempt to express my appreciation of your interest and with my warmest expression of Christmas (past) and New Year (continuing), greetings and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Kehoe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being more prominent.

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