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Dear Doctor Lecklider:

By the time you receive this letter it may be that you ^{will} have received a package containing as many of the reprints as are available to us. Certain of the articles in our possession have been greatly depleted, and therefore we have had to send what we could rather than what you requested. Despite my advice to you we found that we had a number of copies of the Boston Symposium on Lead Poisoning, and we are sending 15 of those to you. I have written to Carl Peterson to see if more can be obtained, and if they have them, I will forward additional copies to you in due course.

I am sending you a bill to cover the out-of-pocket expense to us of sending you 25 copies of the American Public Health Association Report. The others, being our own product, are made available to you without charge, since one of the primary functions of this Laboratory is to disseminate its own work.

Some time ago I talked with Doctor Selby about some of the variations in viewpoint of physicians on the problem of occupational lead poisoning. He seemed to think this was a problem of some seriousness in the General Motors organization, and therefore I told him that at some mutually convenient time I would be glad to meet with the doctors representing the various plants or a representative group of them, and spend a day or whatever part of it might be required in covering this subject. The problem of dealing with industrial lead exposure in these days is not very difficult from the medical viewpoint, if effective control of industrial operations is achieved. Otherwise the medical problem is impossible. If we could only get the doctors to understand this, we would simplify our whole situation greatly. It is fair to say, at the present time, that we know how to maintain safe conditions, and that we know full well what safe conditions are in specific and quantitative terms. If we can just get the doctors to recognize that there is nothing that they can do to prevent lead poisoning, under unsafe conditions of work, we would then be able to put the responsibility clearly where it belongs. This is all that is necessary, for I am sure from my own experience, that responsible management will do what is required of them when they know in precise terms what is required.

Sincerely yours,

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