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Mr. Sam Convery
National Lead Company
111 Broadway
New York City, N. Y. 10006

Dear Mr. Convery:

As you know through Mr. Roy Brown, National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, we have been asked to bring together a small group to explore potential approaches that might lead to reduction of opportunity for and incidence of lead poisoning in young children caused by environmental exposure to and ingestion of chips from old lead-based paint coatings often found in deteriorating urban housing. This problem has surfaced during the passed few years and, with increased testing of children, has been revealed as a major concern in most large cities. The claim is that perhaps as many as 18,000 cases exist in New York City alone. Death in many instances and serious mental impairment can be the result of protracted abnormal lead ingestion. The enclosed articles offer a more detailed description of the problem.

We are pleased that you have agreed to attend the meeting which is to be relatively informal; we do not anticipate a written report of the deliberations. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Monday, 26 May 1969 in New York City and the group will meet at the following address:

Room 3C, Caspary Hall
The Rockefeller University
66th Street and York Ave. in Manhattan
New York City, N. Y. 10021

Lunch will be at 1:00 p.m. and adjournment is scheduled for not later than 3:00 p.m. The information we have is that parking facilities are not available on the campus; consequently the suggestion is that public transportation be used.

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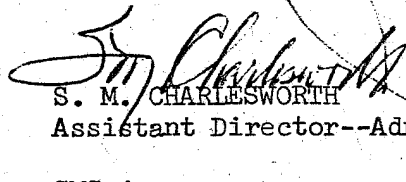
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At least two immediate questions are indicated for discussion:

1. How can paint possessing dangerous lead levels be quickly and cheaply identified?
2. How can the dangerous condition, once identified, be quickly and cheaply corrected? Hopefully, any range of means for correction by removal, covering, or neutering should be in the vicinity of 10 cents per square foot.

I have enclosed a list of those expecting to attend.

Sincerely yours,



S. M. CHARLESWORTH
Assistant Director--Administrative Services

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cc: Mr. Roy Brown

Enclosure