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Dear Sir Alan:

Please accept my thanks for your reply to my letter of some weeks ago, concerning lead poisoning. I have had a letter recently from Dr. Barbara Clayton, to which I have replied at some length, because of my obvious interest in the matter. I trust that she will bring this to your attention, for it concerns itself, among other matters, with issues that are strictly clinical. This, incidentally, aside from general physiological considerations, has been my rôle in our work, not so much in the detailed performance of clinical practice (which I have engaged in in the past) but rather in the application of preventive medicine to the clinical and toxicological problems of industry. There is much more to this than meets the eye of the analytical chemist or the biochemist. This is why I consider that you depreciate your contribution by suggesting that you are "only the clinician."

I believe you will find the Harben Lectures (1960), of which I am sending a bound copy, to be a combination of physiological information and its direct application to hygiene and clinical problems. I trust that I have some understanding and appreciation of academic life, since I have been in this environment most of my life. However, for a physician, with a physician's view of life, it is far from being the protected life in the ivory tower, or a retirement from the world into the realms of pure science. I do not scorn the latter, but it has never been my cup of tea.

Sincerely yours,

RAK:vr

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Encl. - Harben Lectures of 1960

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