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Dear Don:

In the unlikely event you might have missed it, I attach herewith a summary of a National Bureau of Standards study showing lead level in children's blood is linked to age of buildings. If you have any comments, I will be pleased to receive them.

It seems too long since I have seen you. I hope all is going well.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

L. A. McReynolds

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Attachment

cc: R. M. Glover

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Consumer Product Safety Guide

the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Two flash fires, contained within the stoves, have already resulted from the malfunction; and HUD indicated that, if enough escaping gas were to accumulate, a major fire could result.

Skyline Corporation, a manufacturer of mobile homes, notified HUD of the problem and of the action it has taken to correct the situation under the National Mobile Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974. Approximately 1000 of these units, produced by the Tappan Company, have been shipped to as many as 45 other mobile home manufacturers.

HUD said that, since the Consumer Product Safety Commission has jurisdiction over the defective stoves, the two agencies will coordinate their efforts in correcting this defect to avoid subjecting mobile home manufacturers to duplicative and, perhaps, conflicting requirements.

For details, see ¶ 43,279.

Cases Closed for Weed Cutters, Grinders, Percolators, and Wreaths

At its September 23, 1976 Executive Session, the Consumer Product Safety Commission approved corrective action plans from Weed Eaters Inc., for weed cutters, Robert Bosch Corporation, for electric angle grinders, Appliance Corporation of America, for coffee percolators, and J. Kinderman & Sons, for Christmas wreaths. The corrective action plans are described at ¶ 43,277.

Hurricane Lamps Reported Defective

A notice of a possible or potential defect involving hurricane table swag lamps was reported to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The defect notice is reproduced at ¶ 43,270.

—HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES—

Lead Level in Children's Blood Linked to Age of Buildings

An extensive study of lead poisoning has failed to establish a correlation between lead paint on buildings and the amount of lead in the blood of children living in those buildings. However, the study did establish that children living in the oldest buildings had the greatest amount of lead in their blood.

Called the most comprehensive and statistically valid survey ever undertaken in a major metropolitan area, the study measured lead levels in paint in approximately 4,000 homes by X-ray and measured the amount of lead in blood samples taken from 456 young children.

The survey was conducted by the Allegheny County Health Department under contract to the National Bureau of Standards. According to the Commerce Department press release, the researchers are now questioning the long-held assumption that the chief cause of lead poisoning in young children is the ingestion of lead-based paint. The study is reported at ¶ 43,272.

—MOTOR VEHICLES—

Compatibility of Anti-Lock and Conventional Brake Systems Questioned

Apparent control problems arising when a truck with an anti-lock brake system is used to pull a trailer with conventional air brakes were recently

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