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Dear Tabor:

Thanks for sending me the letter of Stöfan concerning some aspects of the lead problem. I recognize in it some linguistic difficulties, but I am more concerned about its pseudo-scientific representations, its strange acceptance of hearsay information as fact, and its child-like respect for the written word from almost any source, especially Russian.

I would be troubled, as I suspect you were, as to how to reply to such a letter, and I suspect that I would simply throw up my hands in despair of clarifying any of the mixed up ideas and queries, in favor of a perfectly benign and courteous response, that would say nothing at all.

I've been encountering such letters as this about lead and fluorides from a variety of foreign and domestic sources, for a good many years, but especially, recent years. For some time, I undertook to deal with them carefully and in some detail in correspondence. I still do so, from time to time, but I'm afraid the prospect is hopeless, and that one might as well (but usually cannot, in professional courtesy) consign them to the waste basket on their receipt.

Sincerely yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

P.S.

Do you wish me to return the letter?

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