

TREASURER'S OFFICE, HARVARD COLLEGE

No. 50 State Street

Boston, January 17, 1930.

Dr. David L. Edsall,
Harvard School of Public Health,
Longwood Avenue,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Dr. Edsall:

Replying to your letter of
January 10, I assumed from your letter of Nov-
ember 29 that you considered the contribution
of the Lead Industries Association a gift to the
School of Public Health, and I have so listed it.

Sincerely yours,

James E. McLaughlin

LCP:DG

January 10, 1930.

Dear Miss Pettingell:

On November 27, 1929 you wrote me regarding the gift of \$1500 from the Lead Industries Association and raised the question as to whether it should be considered as a gift. I replied to you under date of November 29th but have heard nothing from you since that time. I am, therefore, uncertain as to how you may be listing this and other similar gifts and should be glad if you would let me know what you have done in the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

David L. Edsall, M.D.
Dean

Miss Lenna C. Pettingell,
Treasurer's Office, Harvard College,
50 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

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November 29, 1929.

Dear Miss Pettingell:

I have your letter of November 27th saying that if the \$1500 contributed by the Lead Industries Association to Dr. Aub's work is for research for their benefit, this and further contributions should not be considered as gifts.

I am unable to understand this as we have had from them, and from other sources, for years, contributions which have been called gifts and which have been sent to the Treasurer under that heading and recorded as such. I do not know at all what they should be called if not gifts, and furthermore I should find it very difficult to determine whether in some instances they were for the benefit of the industry or were not. For example, with all the contributions that are given for industrial hygiene work here, some of the industries have simply given money for scientific purposes - as is undoubtedly true in this particular instance - where they see no immediate and defined benefit that will come to their particular industry from the work, but they feel that further general scientific knowledge in the matter might eventually be useful. In other instances there are cases where they specifically wish a special industrial problem investigated and where it would undoubtedly be of benefit for them to have immediate knowledge bearing upon that problem. Between these two extremes there are, however, many instances (and they constitute by far the largest number of the gifts from industries) where it would be very hard to determine whether it might be of benefit to them or might be mostly of benefit to abstract science. I cannot answer your letter, therefore, without understanding what it means better, and I doubt very much whether I could answer it then, in most cases.

Very sincerely yours,

David L. Edsall, M.D.
Dean

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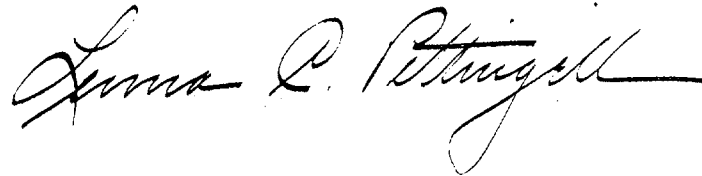
Dr. David L. Edsall,
Harvard University School of Public Health,
Longwood Avenue,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My Dear Dr. Edsall:

Will you at your earliest convenience tell me if the \$1,500 contributed by the Lead Industries Association, for medical research under the direction of Dr. Joseph C. Aub, is on account of appropriations by the Association for research conducted in their interest, that is, research for their benefit? If so, this \$1,500 and further contributions should not be considered gifts.

In replying, please use the enclosed envelope, and oblige.

Yours very truly,



LCP:DG
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