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To: LIA Environmental Health Committee
From: Donald R. Lynam
Subject: Lead Conference Scheduled for November 12 and 13, 1973
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a preliminary program of a lead conference scheduled for November 12 and 13, 1973 at the Marvin Center, George Washington University. This conference is sponsored by the Committee for the Elimination of Lead in the District of Columbia. This Committee is affiliated with the Childrens Hospital National Medical Center. Also enclosed is a letter from the Conference Coordinator, Ms. Yvonne M. Kelley to Mr. George Worden of Hill & Knowlton. I have been in contact with Ms. Kelley and she has indicated that the panel on "other sources of lead contamination" consists of the following:

Dr. Albert Fritch - Chairman, Science for Public Information
Mr. Louis Lombardo - Public Interest Campaign
Dr. Dan Darrow - Dartmouth Medical School, Brattleboro, Vermont
Dr. Roger Challop - Private Practice
Dr. Jane Lin-Fu - Health, Education and Welfare Department
Dr. Katherine Mahaffy - FDA
Mr. David Schoenbrod - Natural Resources Defense Council

In addition, Ms. Kelley indicated that the following types of people would be in attendance or have been invited:

1. Medical Personnel, Children's Hospital.
2. Representatives of the Department of Human Resources, District of Columbia.
3. Public Housing Officials.
4. Health and Welfare Council.
5. Health Officials representing personnel from acute care facilities, mental health facilities, the AMA, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and Visiting Nurses Association.
6. Federal employees from HEW, EPA, and HUD.
7. Politicians in the national and district levels; especially those involved in legislation regarding lead, such as Senators Javits and Kennedy.

Due to the make-up of the panel on other sources of lead contamination and the Washington location, it is possible that lead in gasoline could be a significant topic.

Sincerely,

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INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE

Widespread concern about the increasing incidence of lead poisoning and undue lead absorption among the children of the District has resulted in the development of "THE LEAD CONFERENCE" on November 12 and 13 at the Marvin Center on the George Washington University Campus. The purpose of the Conference is to provide a forum for representatives from both the private and public sectors to develop a plan to *eradicate Lead Poisoning from the Nation's Capital by the year of the Bicentennial, 1976.*

Some 30-50 percent of the more than 20,000 pre-school children living in Washington, D.C., are subject to physical damage due to ingestion of lead before reaching school age. The primary source of this ingestion is lead-based paint which is found in old, deteriorating housing. The high risk group has been the poor and minority children concentrated in this housing; however, the other sources of ingestion such as street dust, soil, improperly lead glazed pottery, and lead water pipes have put the whole spectrum of the community at risk. Lead poisoning with its irreversibly damaging effects is totally preventable and only needs the coordinated efforts of our community for containment and elimination.

During the conference, health professionals, educators, legislators, community leaders, and scientists, who are involved and interested in the elimination of lead poisoning, will participate in the development of a plan to expand and accelerate the District's current control activities and the formation of an ongoing group which would implement and coordinate this plan.

The Committee for the Elimination of Lead in the District of Columbia believes that the most effective means to accomplish its goals requires the coordinated efforts of all interested and involved persons, and it is further hoped that the results of this conference will serve as a prototype and inspiration across the nation in eradicating this disease.

SCHEDULE

Honorary Co-Chairman
Honorable Walter E. Fauntroy
Mayor, Washington, D.C.

Monday, November 12, 1973

9:00-9:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks
9:40 a.m.	Presentation: "Cost to Society"
10:15 a.m.	Presentation: "Cost to Our Children"
11:00 a.m.	Question and Answer Period
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
	Panel Discussion
	Overview of topics to be discussed
	1. Housing — includes leaded paint Chairman: Mr. Dudley
	2. Other sources of lead contamination Chairman: Dr. Albert
	3. Parent-child relations and child development Chairman: Dr. Marie
	4. Legislation and financing Chairman: Mrs. Pollack
2:00 p.m.	Workshop Sessions
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Reception

Tuesday, November 13, 1973

9:00 a.m.	Continuation of Workshop Sessions
12:15 p.m.	LUNCHEON ADDRESS
1:45 p.m.	Continuation of Workshop Sessions
3:00 p.m.	Chairman of Each Workshop Presents Plan for Action
	Closing

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