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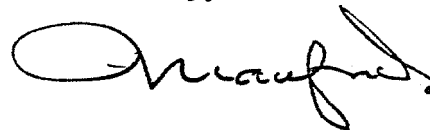
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Dear Bob:

The enclosed has come to me from one of my correspondents in Cincinnati with an expression of doubt as to the authenticity of the case as one of lead poisoning.

It would be a great favor if you could have a check made of this and let me know whether, in your judgment, this criticism is warranted.

Sincerely,



MB:GW

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Ziegfeld



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FOLLOW ON THE NEWS

Lead Poisoning Is Blamed In Death Of Marler Infant

BY DAN BAUM

It was not encephalitis (sleeping sickness) that killed 23-month-old David Marler, son of Richard and Barbara Marler, Kirby Road, Harrison, on September 25. The office of the coroner reported the child died from lead poisoning.

David died at Children's Hospital where attendants tried for more than an hour to save him. At the time there was "a strong possibility" that his death was caused by sleeping sickness.

A few days before the child was taken to the hospital his parents noticed "a marked loss of appetite and sleepiness."

The boy's physician said that the child had been chewing on the paint of his crib. His parents, noticing it, covered the crib with plastic. Then the child went to the living room where five window ledges were painted. There was evidence that the child had been chewing on them.

"Doctors and school officials have been trying to put across the idea to parents of the danger of lead poisoning. Children must be carefully watched," the family doctor said.

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