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Caracas, July 30, 1968

Dear Professor Kehoe:

I would like to give you my best regards from Latin America, where I am working as a short-term consultant for PAHO, first in Santiago and now in Caracas. I left Professor Teisinger's institute in December of last year and moved to Miami, but since I did not find a position there, I thought it would be good experience to accept the offer of a PAHO consultantship.

Here I am getting the opportunity to work with atomic absorption, and of course I tried also my luck with the determination of lead in blood. My experience is that the Perkin-Elmer instrument is able to detect the small amount of lead present in blood, but only if the lamp is new and the instrument is in exceptionally good condition. The method seems to be, because of the sensitivity, unsuitable for routine work. Perkin-Elmer is now advertising new, more sensitive lamps, but I have not heard of anyone working with them. I heard that in your laboratory you are very happy using atomic absorption for the determination of lead in blood. I would be very happy if you could let me know about your experiences, and which model of atomic absorption and lamp you are using for blood analysis. I would also appreciate it if you could send me some reprints dealing with this problem. I would like to know your opinion about it before I make any recommendations here.

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I will be in Caracas until August 11, and then I shall go to Miami. You can answer me either here or in Miami, depending on when you receive this letter.

My address here is in care of:

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So thank you very much, and again with best regards.

Yours,


Vera Fiserova (Thomasova)