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Mr. Robert F. Wilson
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

When Professor Pickett and I saw you recently in New York, I undertook the duty of informing you more in detail about the lead arsenate situation, and especially about the experiment proposed for the Kettering Laboratory of Applied Physiology at Cincinnati.

For this purpose I am attaching a copy of a paper that I read at the December meeting of the American Pomological Society in which I have attempted to describe the situation in general. More copies of the paper are available if you want them. Certain points not covered at all in the paper and certain other points not sufficiently emphasized are described in the attached paragraphs which I am copying from a letter that I am sending to Mr. R. G. Phillips, Secretary of the International Apple Association.

I should also state that the experiment would be supervised by a committee of experiment station men, appointed by the American Pomological Society, which would probably be about the same as the committee that visited the Laboratory in September. Interests financing the experiment would also be represented on the committee, unless the commercial interests themselves thought that such representation would lay the experiment open to an accusation of bias. A satisfactory relationship could be worked out.

Finally, I should perhaps state the obvious part that manufacturers of foods are interested not only in lead arsenate but in lead and arsenic in many forms. If the experiment were started with lead arsenate, it would provide usable information about the toxicity to humans of ingested lead, which is necessary, and it could be worked over or redirected later into work with other lead or arsenic compounds.

Yours very truly,

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