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Mr. E. W. Fasig,
General Superintendent,
The Lowe Brothers Company,
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Fasig:

I have referred your letter of February 5th to Mr. Lassen on my first chance to reach him. I don't know what he will do about the situation, but common sense tells me the evidence you present will probably be too strong to be refuted.

In the meantime, I wonder if you would like to give us your cooperation in preparing an article on lead poisoning for a future number of The Safe Foreman? We would like to take advantage of the talent in your organization.

If you were a foreman in a manufacturing plant or a mine or a public utility or any place else, what would you want to know about lead poisoning? The Safe Foreman goes to all kinds of industries. As you know, we have to condense our information but perhaps we could get the essentials of lead poisoning on one page. If you could give us the outline possibly we could write the article from it.

If you would like to prepare something on lead poisoning would you mind letting us know at your convenience?

Very truly yours,

THE UNITED SAFETY SERVICE

Richard H. Porter

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February 17, 1948.

Mr. Richard H. Porter,
United Safety Service,
180 W. Wacker Drive,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Porter:

Your letter of February 16 is very much appreciated and I shall await with interest Mr. Lassen's comments on my last letter.

It was complimentary to me for you to invite me to prepare an article on lead poisoning for a future issue of "THE SAFE FOREMAN", but inasmuch as I am no authority on the subject, I feel that I should decline. I do believe, however, that such an article prepared by some M.D. who is familiar with the subject, would be a real contribution. To my knowledge there are three well-known authorities in this neighborhood, anyone of whom could give you a short article on the subject that would be worthwhile. Names and addresses of these men are as follows:

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe, Director,
Letting Laboratory of Applied Physiology,
University of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Carey P. McCord, Medical Director,
Industrial Health Conservancy Laboratories,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Emory Hayhurst,
Columbus, Ohio.

Lead poisoning is a matter that is not well understood by the greater number of M.D.'s. There are certain qualitative tests that most doctors apply but they are unreliable unless backed up with certain blood tests that will determine whether or not the patient has lead poisoning. Unfortunately, most doctors are not equipped to make these blood tests and because of the fact that the prescribed treatment for lead poisoning is not harmful to the average individual, the temptation is to pronounce the ailment as lead poisoning and proceed with treatment on that basis. This works a hardship on those industries that handle lead and lead compounds and oftentimes results in bitter controversies in courts.

Yours very truly,
THE LOWE BROTHERS COMPANY

E. W. Pasig

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