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April [illegible], [illegible]

Dr. Anthony J. Lanza
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Dear Tony:

As you may see from the enclosed letter to Dr. Knight, the fat seems to be in the fire. I am extremely sorry that it has happened and trust that you will not feel that we have played the game unfairly. Had I had any suspicions previous to the Chicago meeting that there would be any objection to bringing this material before the public you may be sure that it would not have happened.

I reread your and Dr. Sayer's letter to Don written very shortly before we went to Chicago and in neither could I find any reason for believing that the Picher data should not be published. You did mention the fact that you had an agreement with the Tri-State people not to print anything without their authorization, but I inferred and Don inferred that this was a matter of form which would in no sense affect the ultimate treatment. As I told Dr. Knight the only harm that I can see from this reference is the fact that it emphasizes by repetition the state of affairs in Picher for the Meriwether paper has already given the dope to everyone interested.

I very much regret that the Wisconsin Board could not be persuaded to delete this evidence from the minutes of their proceedings. I was greatly surprised when the report came yesterday to learn that they had not done so. I sincerely hope that we have not been responsible for adding to the difficulties of the Act and everyone else in Missouri and Oklahoma. Forgive us if you can.

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Sincerely yours,

LEROY U. GARDNER, M.D.
DIRECTOR

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Enclosure

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