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Dear Bob:

This is in answer to your letter of August 14th with regard to the patch testing program. The two copies of the agreement have been completed here and are returned herewith; please have one copy processed at your end and returned to us.

In turn, we are a bit confused by your statement the six samples of lead stabilizers which we sent you. We say that you have the needed information in three of them: ethyl lead sample, but you make no mention of the fourth, the normal calypilate (Dutch Joy Normal), in which you also have full information.

They you speak of "the white lead and grey stabilizers" as if two substances were involved here. We think you mean which we sent some from Goodfellow and we will return the desired information for you for them.

The basic silicate sent is not the same as I thought. Please let us know where else we can get the information for you from Eagle-Picher.

Finally, this investigation is not in which lead compounds used as stabilizers in the formulation of vinyl plastics, and the use of lead compounds in paint is in no way involved. According to my notes in my memorandum with Dr. Lusk and on March 28th, the six stabilizer samples



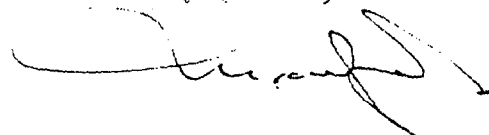
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as supplied by us were to be incorporated in a blind study and tested for both primary prevention and sensitization. This was to be on 200 subjects if necessary, at a maximum cost to us of \$3,700, but on fewer subjects and with a corresponding reduction in cost if positive findings occurred with a lesser number of subjects.

Please set me straight on this if I haven't got it right.

Sincerely yours,



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August 9, 1951

Mr. Manfred Bowditch
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Dear Manfred:

I send you herewith the two copies of the agreement requested in your recent letter.

Dr. Suskind has now gone on his vacation, and the actual work on this will not be initiated until his return. Meanwhile it is desirable to clear away any and all unfinished matters relating to the work. I talked over the situation with Dr. Suskind before he left and went over a memorandum which he had prepared after examining all the material which you had supplied. In this were a few questions which I shall indicate.

We now have the information on the formulation and percentage composition of the

1. Dibasic stearate (Dutch Boy DS-207)
2. Tribasic maleate (Dutch Boy - Tri-Mal)
3. Orthosilicate and silica gel (Dutch Boy Plumb- -Sil)

If lead silicate sulfate (Dutch Boy Tribase E) is the basic silicate which you suggested for testing, we have this formulation too. However, we are not certain that Tribase E is the one which should be tested. Will you enlighten us on this?

We should have corresponding information on the white lead and the dry carbonate. Can you supply this information? In the case of the latter two substances, are you interested in the effects of the concentrations employed in paints or in plastic formulations?

We shall be ready to begin this work early in September when Dr. Suskind returns.

Sincerely yours,

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