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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
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Dear Doctor Kehoe:

The University of Washington is at present seriously considering the establishment of an industrial hygiene laboratory. In our present thinking this laboratory would be used primarily for research and teaching although certain routine laboratory procedures such as lead urines would be conducted. Our most immediate problem is one of financing. We are of the opinion that an industrial hygiene research laboratory adequately staffed and equipped should eventually be self-supporting. We have also been advised that the few industrial hygiene research laboratories in the United States are for the most part self-supporting and that some or all are turning away interesting and lucrative projects because they are unable to meet the demand.

I should like very much to get first hand information from you relative to the financing of your laboratory. In so far as practicable would you be willing to advise how your laboratory was financed at the outset, to what extent it is self sustaining, and from what sources the funds are derived, for example, research projects or fellowship grants from industries, routine laboratory analysis and for whom (for example, labor groups, industries, government) and related information.

Is your laboratory in the position of having more requests for studies than you can carry on and were we to establish a well equipped laboratory here with a highly qualified director would you be in a position to put us on the track of some worthwhile projects?

In your opinion do you believe we could or should plan on a self sustaining industrial hygiene research laboratory or should we plan to underwrite it as a teaching and research project?

Sincerely,

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