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Dear Mr. Emsberger:

We are preparing a report of the progress of the work in which you are interested, and will send it along when we can. I've been swamped by many things to be done since my return from abroad in late November (having been away, mostly in England, for about two months).

The work has gone along satisfactorily, although it is a slow job. Actually the experiment on the second subject is still in progress, since, to my surprise, he reached what amounted nearly to a plateau in the late summer. We are compelled to test the validity of the apparent safety of this level of exposure, since it is regarded generally at present as at the threshold of danger, and the evidence to the contrary would not be accepted easily.

I am appreciative of your Company's continued support of this work. Some serious questions have arisen lately concerning the potential hazard of the lead contributed to the atmosphere in Los Angeles by the automobile, and from these and other signs, I am convinced that the evidence which we are seeking will be needed urgently in the not too distant future.

These questions may or may not have reached the attention of your people. May I suggest, in view of their significance, that your people would be well advised to consider carefully who is to reply to questions of this sort, and what the reply is to be. I do this because, in my opinion, this matter is fraught with serious potentialities, and it needs to be handled with considerable caution.

Cordially yours,

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