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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PIGMENTS AND CHEMICALS DIVISION:

At Mr. Ziegfeld's suggestion, I am sending you herewith a bulletin prepared for the 266 Subcommittee on Safe Labeling of Coatings recently established by the American Standards Association, transmitting a copy of a memorandum mailed last week to the Health Commissioner of New York City by Dr. Anthony J. Lanza, Chairman of the Institute of Industrial Medicine of New York University, on behalf of the New York Paint, Varrish and Lacquer Association. A bulletin briefly stating the purpose of the Subcommittee and listing its personnel is also enclosed.

Both to our Association and to those representing the paint industry, the problem of childhood poisonings caused by eating flaked paint and chewing painted surfaces containing lead and other toxic substances has for some time been a subject of real and costly concern. This has recently been accentuated by proposals of state and municipal health authorities to promulgate laws or regulations requiring poison labeling of paints deemed to be hazardous to children. Varied as they would be by local whim, the potential burden on our industries of such requirements is too obvious to call for explanation. The standard or standards to be established by the 266 Subcommittee will substitute a "safe" label applicable throughout the nation for the conflicting "poison" labels now contemplated, and should thus be a major factor in offsetting this unfortunate prospect.

Inquiries from any of our members wishing further information on either the childhood poisoning problem or the work of the 266 Subcommittee will be most welcome.

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Director of Health and Safety

