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December 3, 1937

Mr. L. T. Sicka, General Manager,
St. Joseph Lead Company,
Bonne Terre, Missouri.

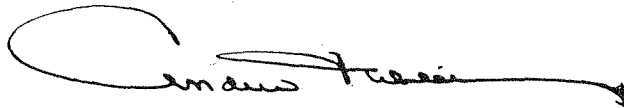
Dear Mr. Sicka:

Enclosed please find copy of letter from Mr. Wormser under date of November 22, 1937, our reply of November 23, 1937, and in further regard to this matter we quote the following paragraph from Dr. Fairhall's letter of November 29, 1937:

"With regard to the warning notice at the St. Joe lead mine, I had of course assumed that this was only in the interest of cleanliness. It did occur to me, however, that they might be laying themselves open a bit in case some new process or situation arose in which case this "fact" might prove uncomfortable. The whole contention with regard to the lead-weighted silk question rested on skin absorption. However it is a very minor matter and I mentioned it only because I was somewhat amused."

Under the circumstances, do you feel that it is advisable for us to make any change?

Very truly yours,



Vice President & Treasurer.

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LEAD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION
420 Lexington Avenue
New York

November 22, 1937.

Mr. Andrew Fletcher, V.P.
St. Joseph Lead Company
250 Park Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Drew:

While in Washington last week, Dr. Fairhall mentioned to me that he had read the June issue of FORTUNE and noticed the photograph depicting one of your health precautions wherein it was stated that lead poisoning might be contracted through the skin.

Our good friend, Professor Fairhall, naturally raised an eyebrow at this statement and wondered whether the work which your Company has so kindly supported at Harvard for many years had given a misleading impression. As you know, Dr. Aub and the others have definitely proven that lead poisoning is not contracted through the skin. I told him I had already taken this matter up with your Company and that the notices were of long standing and had never been changed, but that I felt sure future notices would be different.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) F E WORMSER
SECRETARY

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November 23, 1937.

Mr. F. E. Wormser, Secretary,
Lead Industries Association,
420 Lexington Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Felix:

In connection with your letter of November 22, 1937, the wording of the notice that Dr. Fairhall mentioned to you is as follows:

"WARNING

Unless you are careful, lead poisoning is easily contracted by the introduction into the system of lead-bearing dust by swallowing it, breathing it and absorbing it through the skin pores."

Whereas we appreciate that Dr. Fairhall and Dr. Aub are absolutely correct in stating that lead poisoning is not contracted through the skin, from a practical point of view, we feel that it is advisable to leave the notice as now worded, as the point that we are endeavoring to emphasize is the necessity of keeping clean. Although lead poisoning is not contracted through the skin, if the pores become filled and the coating dries, then the dust is readily taken into the system through the mouth while eating or through the nose in breathing.

Sincerely yours,

Vice-President & Treasurer

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