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June 30, 1970

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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

I just returned from Des Moines, Iowa, and find your interesting letter of June 22nd and enclosures. Our check herewith will take care of your statement.

The only disquieting note at our meeting in Washington was the possibility that the new technique of attempting to establish or measure absorption by application to dead skin would be equated with the type of research you have documented and submitted. Surely, no such new technique can be meaningful unless supported by blood and urine analysis on the same subjects from whom the dead skin is removed.

Unfortunately, the question of filing a petition for acceptance of lead acetate as an ingredient in products within the scope of your prototype formula has political overtones that may outweigh the clear scientific facts. In any case, our group will meet soon to review the entire picture.

Again I would like to tell you that I think your performance at the June 16th meeting was magnificent, as well as edifying to all concerned.

Hoping this finds you fully recovered from your recent indisposition, I am,

Cordially yours,

COMMITTEE OF THE PROGRESSIVE
HAIR DYE INDUSTRY

Jule Gordon
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June 22, 1970

Mr. Jule Gordon, Chairman
Committee of the Progressive Hair Dye Industry
Room 510-11
60 East 42nd Street
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

I trust that you and Mr. Combe's had no difficulty in reaching New York and your homes on Tuesday. My plane was late in reaching Washington, and hence even later in arriving in Cincinnati, but otherwise the trip was uneventful.

Our exchanges of information and views were sufficient so that there is no need for further comment from me. I content myself, therefore, with sending you the account of my expense, together with a bill for my services. The latter, I should say, were limited entirely to my comments on further experimental work and on the meaning of the information now available.

I think we established the fact that, for practical purposes, the research on this problem, in so far as it relates to public health, should be of such a sort as to be interpreted simply and readily. There is room, of course, for strictly scientific and not necessarily practical investigation. The latter in this instance, so far as we have information, may contribute little to the interpretation of the hygienic situation. I would think it fairly certain, therefore, from the viewpoint of the potential hazards of your activities in manufacturing and dispersing your products, that you could develop an acceptable petition for official action. You are in better position than I, however, to exercise judgment as to the strategy which should be employed in dealing with matters of official procedure.

Cordially yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.
Professor Emeritus of
Occupational Medicine

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June 22, 1970

Expense Account of Robert A. Kehoe, M.D. and Fee Bill for Services
Rendered, in a Trip to Washington, D.C. on June 16, 1970, for
Consultation with Members of the Staff of the Food and Drugs Administration:

Transportation

Airplane Fare - Cincinnati to Washington, D.C and return		86.10
Expense of transport to and from airports		
Expense of parking (Cinti., Ohio)		2.50
Limousine fare to hotel in Washington		1.75
Meals - Breakfast & Dinner, June 16		9.50
		\$99.85
Services of Consultation (1 day)		\$100.00
Total		\$199.85