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Dear Robert:

It has been sometime since our last correspondence, and I trust that all is well with you and Mrs. Kehoe.

We have been awaiting, anxiously and with prodding, Dr. Gross' report on his summarization of the data involved in your work over the past 40 years. He has finally submitted this report to us, with some minor art work, which he has requested Dr. Tar Haar to finish, the only thing required to complete the report.

Both Dr. Ter Haar and myself consider this report as complete. It gives an effective summary of the data and for the first time, presents all of it to public view in a collected fashion. This is a very significant contribution to the data on lead in human beings. There are some minor changes to be made, i.e., the initial slope in Figure 2 should be positive finite rather than zero and the initial slope at the beginning of the drop should be finite negative rather than infinite as he has drawn it. Other than this I have no real criticism to make.

We know that you will give this report your usual careful study. We feel that this is an important contribution to the literature and hope that you will also so feel.

With best regards,

Bernard A. Sobel

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Note on this letter

On October 17, 1978, I set myself to examine the copy of the report referred to at which I expected to send for further review if necessary or advisable. I signed it.

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It appeared to me that Dr. Gross had used practically all of the tables and figures which I had examined previously as the means of presenting the data. In general his figures were not so prepared as to illustrate the facts of physiology, and, in fact, it became clear that he has not thought in physiological terms, but rather attempted to develop his own ideas as to how to reveal the import of the data. He merely presented as "results" the tabular expressions of raw data, not their relationships, thereby confirming my belief that he had virtually no comprehension of the meaning. Nevertheless, he did not involve me in any approval of his efforts so that I had no objection to his efforts, believing that no one ~~could~~ who was capable of seeing through the data could be in any doubt as to his intentions, states as an investigator of data in relation to an understanding of its meaning.

I so informed Bernard Sobel saying that he and Dr. Ter Haar ~~could~~ arrange with the Lead Industries Association for the publication of the report for Gross is to present for, or in any corrected form that they seem to be advisable from a statistical viewpoint. I said further that anything I could do, at their request or that of Lead Industries Assoc., I'd be pleased to do. Otherwise I would wish my hands of any further action.

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