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Dear Doctor Fisher:

I recently sent to Dr. Albert Gray the letter of which a copy is herewith. In reply, Doctor Gray has suggested that I ask you for the desired confirmation and has indicated that you felt that the lithopone might have produced a sulphemoglobinemia.

Questions raised in my mind are:

1. Whether the crayons involved were of the chalk or of the wax variety?
2. Why, if the etiology of this case is as believed, do we not hear of similar childhood cases caused by ingestion of lithopone paints, analogous to the lead paint cases in infants and children with which we are all too familiar?

Any commentary you may be willing to add to my present rather meager information on this interesting case will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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