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Dear Doctor Brodie:

Having returned to my desk some weeks ago, I have now the opportunity of catching up with my correspondence, and I note with thanks your response of September 8 to my letter concerning the alleged carcinogenicity of tetraethyllead. I think it unlikely that many persons examined the references in your article with sufficient care to note the statement, but I wonder, in view of the fact that the unexpected often happens, whether some correction of the statement is in order. It may be that this would excite more of a problem than it would prevent, but I am mindful of the authority that is vested in the written word, and how frequently this operates in medico-legal matters.

Incidentally, this is hardly likely to make any trouble for me, but it might well create a serious issue in the tetraethyllead (antiknock) industry, which is often, and even now, under examination in other matters. I wonder, therefore, if an unobtrusive note in SCIENCE, for the record, would not be appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

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