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Refer reply to:
P. O. Box 911,
Zanesville, Ohio

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,
University of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 10th for which please accept my thanks. Regret the delay in answering but due to the press of work, have been unable to do so until now. Your comments on the situation have been noted and we wish to cooperate in any way possible. We would be glad to furnish any information which would be of service to you in the way of research and if we knew specifically the type of information you desire, will be glad to adjust our methods so as to be able to furnish data relative to these cases or furnish information on conditions in the plant at large.

Under separate cover, there are being forwarded to you 24-hour urine specimens for determination of lead. We wish to thank you for your assistance in this work, and await with interest the results of your findings.

Very truly yours,



H. T. GLASER, M.D.
Plant Physician
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January 10, 1945

Dr. H. T. Glaser,
National Battery Company,
P. O. Box 911,
Zanesville, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Glaser:

Your letter puts me in the somewhat awkward position of making a bid for work which we are not at all anxious to do. I do not wish to be inconsiderate or discourteous, and therefore I think I had better explain the situation of this Laboratory and the meaning of the statement above.

This is a research laboratory which is in no wise interested in rendering routine clinical services for fees. For many years we have been engaged in the study of industrial lead poisoning, in the course of which we have studied a good many individuals in quite a number of industrial plants. Our primary purpose has been to arrive at an understanding of the nature of lead poisoning and the mechanisms of lead absorption and elimination. In the course of our work we have learned a great deal that is of interest to ourselves and that is presumably of some value to our colleagues. Having been brought up properly in the medical field, we have every interest in giving as much service as we can, and in applying any special knowledge that we may have to their benefit and to that of their patients. On the other hand, our primary interest of necessity is in the accumulation of detailed clinical information in correlation with analytical data under a variety of carefully observed conditions. Individual items of analytical data are of little use to us in furthering the purposes of our investigative work.

I am quite familiar with what has happened in Ohio as the consequence of the adoption of certain requirements by the Industrial Commission. It becomes necessary to substantiate claims for compensation by means of the laboratory procedure which to a considerable degree we have been responsible for popularizing. I am very much interested in seeing that such methods do not gain more diagnostic significance than they should. I am also interested in seeing that industrial groups find it possible to obtain precise analytical results and sensible interpretations of those results. I am even more interested in doing what I can to eliminate the lead exposure that is responsible for the cases that occur. Consequently,

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I am always torn between my desire to give assistance and my recognition of the fact that the mere accumulation of analytical data is not advancing our purposes.

For the above reasons I would appreciate it if you would let me know something of the conditions that exist within your plant, as well as the possibility of your providing us with adequate information on the nature and the length of exposure of all individuals on whom you will wish to obtain analytical information from time to time. If we can come to some understanding on these matters we may be able to be of some assistance to you. However, if the volume of such work is likely to be of any size, I am afraid we shall have to decline.

Actually as I have indicated above, the fee for any service that may be rendered is not of primary importance. We do attempt to reimburse ourselves for the actual cost of such services, when this can be done at no expense to a patient who cannot afford the charges. The actual cost approximates \$5.00 per analysis.

I trust this gives you all the information you require, and if you consider that the matter is worth following up, I should be pleased to hear from you further.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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