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this fall*

July 28, 1956

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Dear Mr. Malone:

I acknowledge, tardily, your letters of June 28 and July 6, with my thanks for being kept informed. I remind you, by this means, that I shall be out of my office for some weeks, but anything which you or others may forward will be held for my return, or if it is sufficiently urgent, passed on to me by telephone or otherwise.

I realize the importance of our keeping in touch with the Western Oil and Gas Association, in any of our dealings with people of any significance in relation to the air-pollution problem on the West Coast. It is important, however, that the professional relationships which I have in my own right or in that of this Laboratory on the West Coast, should be kept sufficiently separated from matters of special interest so as to be maintained above that level. Therefore, I think it inadvisable that items of direct professional import should be circulated. I have no objection to providing your office with pertinent copies of correspondence, but I should not want them to go farther. I know that I can count on your discretion but I cannot afford to be embarrassed by their possibly indiscreet use by others. Accordingly I suggest that your information to WOGA on the subject of my exchanges of correspondence with Dr. Pottenger be couched in general terms.

You might refer to how the correspondence originated - through Rankin and on to me - and indicate that I have replied in answer to specific questions of Dr. Pottenger's concerning: (1) the potential exposure of specific persons and groups who live or work in areas of congested automobile traffic; and (2) the possible role of lead compounds in the atmosphere as a catalyser of certain chemical interactions. You might also, with some advantage, say that he has replied to me, thanking me for the information (since he was unable to attend the meeting at which I talked) and saying that he would like to come in and talk with me when he comes to the Cincinnati area, a little later, to pay a visit to a relative. I have replied inviting him to come and to let me know in advance so as not to be away from home.

Sincerely yours,

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