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Medical Director J.G. Townsend
Division of Industrial Hygiene
National Institute of Health
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Doctor Townsend:

Doctor J. Walter Hough was in this office on March 23rd, and discussed with me the progress of the industrial hygiene work in the New Jersey State Health Department.

Doctor Hough states that arrangements are being made by the New Jersey State Health Department for office space for the personnel engaged in industrial hygiene work. This office space is in the Broad Street National Bank Building, 145 East State Street, Trenton, N.J. All of the personnel on industrial hygiene work will move into this space except Doctor Hough. He feels that it is wise for him to remain near the Office of the Director of Health for the present. Doctor Hough feels that this provision of office space for the industrial hygiene group is indicative of material progress in the acceptance of themselves and their work.

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In discussing his various activities with Doctor Hough, he indicated that they had experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining entrance into certain industrial plants. He states that various Federal agencies, particularly the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have stressed to industrial manufacturers engaged in war work the importance of excluding all visitors from industrial establishments. Doctor Hough indicates that identification cards would be of material assistance to his field staff.

In a memorandum to this office, dated March 20th, Administrative Assistant E. Glen Hunter of the States Relations Division, forwarded a proposed identification card. Doctor Hough reviewed this card and stated that he felt that the proposed identification card should be amplified to include fingerprints of the individual and the official seal of the Service. This suggestion is submitted for your consideration.

It is possible that other members of your field staff on industrial hygiene work have experienced difficulty in obtaining entrance to industrial plants. Doctor Hough seemed to feel that this problem was especially acute in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

R. C. WILLIAMS, Senior Surgeon
Director, District No. 1.

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