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Dear Doctor Landrigan:

I have been trying to reach you by telephone and have been unsuccessful at CDC apparently for some reason you are not near a phone. I had promised to call you regarding the continuation of the lead studies following our Board of Health meeting, and I want to inform you of the results.

I regret to inform you that our Board of Health unanimously voted to cancel the remaining portion of your study and in its place accept Dr. McNeil's study from the International Lead Zinc Research Organization. Dr. McNeil was present at the Board meeting and stated that his studies and protocol were identical to yours. First, there was disagreement as to the validity of the studies. Secondly, Dr. McNeil's studies are being funded where your studies would be done at Taxpayers' expense.

All of this had a strong bearing on the evidence and the Board voted unanimously not to accept the balance of your studies.

I might also add that all of the news media were present at our Board meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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