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September 21, 1976

Dear Bob:

It was good to talk with you the other day. Enclosed is a xerox copy of my letter to Mr. Charles Davis about _____ exhumation.

The prior undertaker (Hedges) had inquired about possible radioactivity and in their letter of 1/23/76 said that neither they nor the cemetery would exhume and ship radioactive remains. The cemetery, according to Hedges, wanted to know the relationships to Mr. _____ of those giving permission for the exhumation. The Board of Health (1/22/76) wanted assurance that there was no possible radiation hazard, and from their examination of the death certificate could not see anything which suggested such a hazard.

Since you have visited and talked with both the new undertaker (Mr. Davis) and someone at the Board of Health in Rochester, it seemed best to me to write as little as possible about radioactivity at this particular moment. If Mr. Davis or the cemetery inquires about radioactivity later on we can then send the letter which we have used in the past with complete success about the non-hazards of exhuming dial painters, suitably reworded. Your memo of 9/14/76 indicated that the cemetery would not permit any exhumation right now. It is just possible that as a result of your visit in Rochester, the exhumation arrangements can go through smoothly, assuming the lady at the cemetery cooperates.

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