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Mr. Lewis Strauss  
Chairman  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Lewis:

Thank you for your letter of July 22 concerning the tung oil that was sent to Dr. John C. Bugher.

I believe that the medical staff are wrong in connection with the statement: "The Medical Staff informs me that occupational tung oil dermatitis is fairly well-known." I think in the early day there were experiments made with Chinese tung oil, which is an altogether different type of oil from our American tung oil, and then, too, it probably was not processed properly.

I have sent a copy of your letter to the Tungolin Company. Mr. John Watts, the president of this company, is a friend of mine and I have a reply which I am enclosing to you. If it meets with your approval, would you mind forwarding it to the proper authorities for their consideration?

Thank you so much for your kindness in this matter and with very best wishes, I am

Ever yours sincerely

*L. Rowlands*

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Incl.

8-6 a.m.

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