April 1, 1960

Mr. Lammot du P. Copeland,
duPont Building,
Wilmington, Dela.

Dear Mr. Copeland:

Answering your letter of March 29th, I have discussed the matter mentioned with Mr. Singh Hanspal, my Sikh friend, and also with Dr. Norman Shepard, a man who has been connected with rubber research for many years.

I gather that latex can be secured from Malaya at an estimated cost of less than 2/10 of a cent per unit, and that if the purpose of the undertaking was backed by the Government, I am told, there should be no trouble bringing it in. Artificial latex is of no value for this purpose.

A friend of mine suggested that the important thing was the education of the lower classes who need help most, but Mr. Hanspal stated that the matter is being discussed daily on the radio and that anyone who cared to listen to it could do so.

At the first of the year they operated 500 clinics and expected to have 1000 by the end of the year.

Incidentally, I have Dr. Norman Shepard, retired from American Cyanamid Co., helping me on this matter and I am enclosing herewith a circular describing the organization he was instrumental in starting recently, which we expect will be useful in this connection.

Without burdening you with too many of my personal interests, I am sending you a book for which my wife is responsible from cover to cover, which the little catalytic Foundation I have, called the Dorr Foundation, has been instrumental in distributing to so-called backward countries, hoping that it would help to remove a wrong impression of American life given by our Soviet friends and, I regret to say, by some of the movies that have gone abroad. We have distributed, I think, over 5000 copies. It has apparently, in a quiet way strongly interested the women to whom it has been sent through governmental and other organizational sources.

Sincerely,

John V. N. Dorr.

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