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Mr. H. L. Erlicher, Vice President  
General Electric Company  
Schenectady, New York

Dear Harry:

In writing this letter I have a two-fold purpose. In the first place I want to express my gratitude to you for being highly instrumental in giving me this opportunity to serve the Company and better my position. Although I have to see and will learn a whole lot more, I have seen enough to fill a life time with extremely interesting work.

Wider application of carboloy will surely in time revolutionize the entire metal working industry, making it possible and common to work to ten of thousandth inches, just as we work to thousandths at present. This greater accuracy will allow engineers to design products which are now hardly dreamed of. ~~All this, however, will take a long time, because it will affect almost the entire machine tool industry.~~ Tools which we now believe to be up-to-date will soon be as obsolete as some lathes which I saw in the Ford Museum in Dearborn last Sunday. ~~The G.E., under leadership of you and Mr. Rausch, will make a most important contribution in the course of this advantage, of that I am sure.~~ I can think already of half a dozen most important applications in the Turbine Department, ~~but I intend to keep concentrating on my immediate assignment. This is use of carboloy in lamination dies.~~

My second reason for writing you is to let you know that on Friday Mr. Geo. Eglinton, President of Lincoln Park Industries, Inc., will be at Allegheny Ludlum in Brackenridge and Mr. Eglinton mentioned that you said you might want to be there at the same time.

Today I will visit two die shops in Chicago which have also considerable experience in making carboloy or Carmet lamination dies. Later this week I will see operation Delco-Remy and perhaps Westinghouse in Lima Ohio, depending whether G.E. will give their approval for this visit.

You see, Harry, I am quite enthused about my assignment and will give it whatever I can. Incidentally, I have spent almost 2 days at Lincoln Park and they certainly have a very fine, high precision die and gauge shop. I hope to have an opportunity to talk to you about all this later. Many, many thanks, and my best regards,

Very truly yours,

C O P  H. J. Vandestadt