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April 24, 1930.

Mr. Rhodehamel:

A memorandum to Mr. Retter from Mr. Reahard states that Merthiolate Ointment and Merthiolate Jelly, having been accepted by the Council on Pharmacy, will be ready for the market as soon as literature and package materials can be made ready.

It seems to me that in view of our experience with the Merthiolate Solution we ought to know pretty definitely what to expect from Merthiolate Ointment and Merthiolate Jelly before they are put on the market. In the case of the Solution, I believe we found that nothing stronger than a 1:4000 Solution should be used in the nasal passages and yet Merthiolate Ointment and Merthiolate Jelly, as submitted to the Council are 1:1000 and 1:2000 respectively. Can we expect to have this stronger Ointment and Jelly used without the complaint which attended the use of the Solution in the same strengths? It seems to me that we ought to definitely ascertain this before either of these products is formally put on the market. Our experience with the Solution ought to serve as a warning and certainly in the face of that warning we ought not to advocate the use of these stronger products without some pretty definite evidence that we will not repeat our Solution experience. If these products are too strong they will have to be withdrawn from the market because the situation can not be met by a dilution table.

I have instructed that these items be not added to the list or put on the market until you can definitely assure us that their present respective strengths are entirely satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

Charles J. Lynn

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