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Dear Steve -

Since I talked to you in Cambridge, I've visited Alan Berkman a couple of times and have pursued the water quality issue at Marion. I got the enclosed summary from a Federal agency and tried to see if the recommendations at the end had been followed. After working my way through the EPA Chicago office, where they knew nothing about it, I wound up in the Illinois E.P.A. <sup>drinking</sup> water quality office. The person I talked to said he thought there had been no follow-up to the 1986 recommendations for continued monitoring of chloroform and trihalomethane levels. What's more, this bureaucrat said there was no requirement to do such monitoring of drinking water supplies that serve less than 10,000 people.

I'd be interested to know if you want to pursue this. The currently safe levels (Maximum Contaminant Levels) for chloroform in drinking water are being revised downward. This is because of research showing increased bladder cancer in those exposed over long terms to low chlorinated water. I have several of these articles, if you want to see them. I think Marion water should be tested for this.

Alan Berkman knows about these developments.

At a minimum, I think it provides more sup-

port for his case against going back there. He's still awaiting various steps in the appeal of his Capitol conspiracy indictment.

Let me know how you're doing. I expect to be in Chicago in March (the 22<sup>nd</sup> + 23<sup>rd</sup>) and will try to look you up then.

Cheers + solidarity,

Dick Clapp