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mycetin, They claim that Benzine and certain cancer medications are a more probable cause. I would like very much to obtain copies of any reports by your committee in order to be as well prepared as I can be in this forthcoming trial. I would greatly appreciate it if you would inform me as to how I might obtain reports from your committee which have to do with Chloromycetin.

Yours very truly,

NAME WITHHELD.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
February 7, 1968.

HON. GAYLORD NELSON,
U.S. Senator, Chairman, Senate Small Business Committee's Monopoly Subcommittee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR NELSON: I noticed from an account in the newspaper that your Committee has held hearings on the side effects of the proprietary drug Chloromycetin.

At the present time we are interested in a man who was killed by the use of this drug when aplastic anemia developed after use of the drug.

I am writing to inquire if it would be possible to get a transcript of the testimony before your Committee as it may concern the harmful side effects of the drug Chloromycetin which is manufactured and marketed by Parke-Davis Company.

Yours very truly,

NAME WITHHELD.

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW,
New York, N.Y., February 7, 1968.

HON. GAYLORD NELSON,
U.S. Senator, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

HONORABLE SIR: I read a column written by Drew Pearson which appeared in the New York Post on February 6th, 1968 concerning your Hearings involving Parke, Davis & Co. who are the manufacturers of a drug called chloromycetin.

At present, we are suing this company on behalf of a client whose daughter died from aplastic anemia, after having taken chloromycetin for a minor throat infection.

We would greatly appreciate receiving from you a copy of the testimony given by Parke, Davis & Co. concerning chloromycetin. If there is any charge for this transcript, please advise us and we shall pay same.

Thanking you in advance for any and all courtesies extended herein.

Very truly yours,

NAME WITHHELD.

IOWA, February 7, 1968.

DEAR SENATOR NELSON: I read Drew Pearson's article on your rift with Parke, Davis on chloromycetin. This restores my faith in people such as you.

Our daughter passed away at Methodist Hospital in Rochester November 3, 1967, due to aplastic anemia, at the age of 15 years, 10 months.

We were fairly sure she had had chloromycetin—but it was not until we arrived home Nov. 3 when I asked our doctor—he told me she had 12 capsules in June and that that amount would not cause aplastic anemia and that he was going to continue to use it. My wife and I were in shock and I got to thinking about his statements. Three weeks later I turned my grievances over to the Iowa Medical Society and I have more grievances than just the drug. They are meeting this Sunday in Des Moines.

My daughter went to the Dr. with her mother in June for a throat infection and was given 18 capsules of chloromycetin—w/o a throat culture—she later was given dosages of 18 and 16 without any blood tests taken while on the drug—this adds up to 52 rather than the 12.

Her first symptoms were hemorrhages under the skin, and we were sent to ——— and then back home—back to Iowa City to ——— back home—in the local hospital 2 or 3 times and then back to Rochester where she lived for 2 weeks—so from Aug. 28 to Nov. 3 she failed rather fast.

My wife and I, like many other citizens, had never heard of chloromycetin—or its possible dangers.