

CC Dr. R. A. Kehoe

July 27, 1939

Mr. T. R. A. Bevan
The Associated Ethyl Company Limited
The Adelphi
London, W. C. 2

Dear Mr. Bevan:

Thank you for your letter of July 17 in reference to the proposed article by Dr. Giroire of France.

Dr. Kehoe was in New York recently and we discussed this matter further. It was our decision to delete the photographic illustrations and to revise the article somewhat, restricting it entirely to the medical aspects of the situation. Dr. Kehoe is making these revisions and I am sending a copy of your letter and my letter to him in order that he may follow the suggestion you have made and return the article directly to you so that you can make a suitable verbal explanation to Dr. Giroire.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Schaefer

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THE ASSOCIATED ETHYL COMPANY LIMITED
The Adelphi
London, W.C. 2

July 17, 1939

Mr. J. H. Schaefer

Dear John,

I am indebted to you for yours of July 7th, enclosing copy of your letter of that date to Dr. Kehoe with further reference to the proposed article by Dr. Giroire.

As Dr. Kehoe has probably by now informed you, Dr. Giroire is the medical consultant to the plant at Paimboeuf.

I do not believe that publication of the article in question is a matter of serious importance to Dr. Giroire, and therefore if you have any doubt as to the advisability of publishing the data contained in Dr. Giroire's article, please write us to this effect and we will advise Dr. Giroire accordingly. I gather from your letter of July 7th, that you would prefer Dr. Giroire's article to be restricted entirely to the medical aspect of the control or manufacture of tetraethyl lead, without going into any details on the process.

Might I suggest that after further discussion with Dr. Kehoe you amend the article in question to meet your own requirements, returning it to me with a covering letter so that I can then pass it on to Dr. Giroire with a suitable explanation. I think this would be more satisfactory than attempting to cover the alterations you have in mind by means of correspondence.

Very truly yours,

Ray Bevan (signed)

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CC Dr. Kehoe

July 7, 1939

Mr. T. R. A. Bevan
The Associated Ethyl Company Limited
The Adelphi
London, W.C. 2

Dear Mr. Bevan:

For your information, I am attaching hereto copy of my letter to Dr. Kehoe in further reference to the proposed article by Dr. Giroire which is to be published in medical journals in France.

Undoubtedly you can be helpful in explaining our position in this matter to Kuhlmann and others in this situation.

I am not exactly certain who Dr. Giroire is but presume that he must be directly connected with the medical control of the tetraethyl lead plant at Paimboeuf otherwise it would have been impossible for him or anyone else to get these pictures.

I think that we must understand that in the divulgence of the "know how" for the processes for tetraethyl lead, this has been tendered by us as confidential and secret and is restricted to those parties such as Kuhlmann, I.C.I. and others who may have received these data directly through permission from Mr. Webb. I think it would, therefore, be well to check up further on this matter to see through all our connections only those who are directly connected with each plant have access to the "know how" and that we completely restrict the publication of technical information, either by articles or by pictures.

As a matter for our information in following the French case through, I would be pleased to hear from you further regarding Dr. Giroire's position in this matter. Your letter of June 27 stating that you were aware that the paper was being considered for publication does not disclose if Dr. Giroire is directly attached to the Paimboeuf plant and to the Ethyl Kuhlmann organization.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Schaefer

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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

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405 LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK CITY

July 7, 1939

Memorandum to:

Dr. R. A. Kehoe

In further reference to your letter of June 6 regarding the paper prepared by Dr. Giroire on the medical aspect of the control of the manufacture of tetraethyl lead, I am returning herewith the original article in French as per your request.

Dr. Edgar and I have examined the medical information and we see no particular objections to its publication in France. However, I should like to point out, as I remarked in my tentative reply of June 13, that there may be some reverberation which might cause some disturbance in the minds of workmen handling tetraethyl lead at Paimboeuf.

I have also had this matter reviewed by duPont. They say that they see no objection to the publication of that part of the paper pertaining to the medical side, but they do believe it inadvisable to accompany this report with the description that is outlined in this paper pertaining to the operation of the plant. They also feel that we should not permit the use of these pictures in connection with the presentation of this report as they have a very important bearing on that part of the operation.

They take this position because of several reasons. In the first place, they have had repeated requests from representatives of many leading industrial publications in this country, among which are Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering and Industrial & Engineering Chemistry, for permission to write up this process and to accompany the write-up with photographs of both the inside and outside of the plant. They have refused these requests because a considerable amount of the "know how" is contained in certain things such as still enclosures, autoclave enclosures, etc. They appreciate, on the other hand, that through our connections abroad it has been necessary for us to divulge a good deal of this "know how". But this information has been given to our foreign colleagues in confidence to be used strictly for the production of tetraethyl lead in which we have had an interest.

I believe it would not be to our advantage to disclose to anyone any more of the "know how" than is essential. I think you can appreciate this in the long term view that we are looking forward for protection in the future when patents expire on the process.

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Dr. R. A. Kehoe

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Accordingly, we would recommend that permission for the publication of the article be given subject to the above limitations. I should be pleased to have your confirmation to this effect.

I am also attaching hereto copy of letter which I have addressed to Mr. Bevan pertaining to some of the above subject matter which will be self-explanatory. Perhaps you can also give us some additional information on the point raised in the letter to Mr. Bevan.


J. H. Schaefer

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