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W. T. HOLLIDAY
PRESIDENT

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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,
University of Cincinnati,
General Hospital,
College of Medicine,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

In re: [REDACTED]

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 22nd, and thank you very much for calling the above case to my attention. I have conferred with the various people in our company who knew about it. I was especially bothered because of the rather long period before the involvement of lead poisoning came to our people's attention. The difficulty was that when the case was reported as one of sickness, it was several weeks before the visiting committee, who call on sick cases, could reach the young man because he was traveling around. I have asked Dr. Edmunds to attempt to educate the secretary of the Employees' Mutual Benefit Association, which handles cases of sickness, as to possible symptoms which should lead toward prompt investigation on account of the lead feature.

Mr. Maxwell and I both agree with you that this is a case requiring diplomatic handling. The young man had filed an application for compensation with the Industrial Commission, and this I find was being contested by our claim department. Instructions have been issued to withdraw the contest, and to call upon the boy and his family, and to pay the workmen's compensation to date, and assure them that the case will be treated as a workmen's compensation case even though we do not believe it is a case of lead poisoning, or that there was exposure to lead.

If you have any further suggestions to make I would be very glad to receive them, and I wish to assure you that at all times our medical department will notify you at once whenever any case arises which may seem in any way to involve lead poisoning.

Very truly yours,

WTH/B

W. T. Holliday

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