

Copy to Mr. Mittnacht

March 25, 1935

Mr. John Schaefer
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Dear Mr. Schaefer:

Since coming home and pondering over the matters we have discussed, I have come to the conclusion that for the moment it will be inadvisable for us to pool our information on the manufacturing plant. We have at hand certain notes on the whole problem, and quite an amount of information which has to do with the general hazards and with the specific details of present plant operation. In consideration of the relationships which exist between Dr. Machle, myself and the manufacturing plant, it would be inadvisable, and in a measure dishonorable, for us to release that portion of the information which has come to us in confidence as consultants of DuPont. I think, therefore, it is better that we assemble our information separately, that you set down as completely as possible the information available to you, and that we draw up a memorandum giving as complete notations as we find it possible to give for use when it is proper for us to release it. I have arrived at this point of view because I can see no other fashion in which we can maintain honorable relationships with DuPont as medical consultants, and because I feel that any disturbance of these relationships now or at any time would result unfortunately.

Moreover, considering the fact that I have seen the equipment in operation and that Dr. Machle has not, and in view of the fact that I am practically swamped with work at the moment, I shall for the present forego this opportunity to go to Baton Rouge. We have decided that it will be best for both Dr. Machle and Dr. Schradin to go to Baton Rouge and to be with the men during this first job to make any examinations at that time, and to arrange in so far as it is feasible, a schedule for subsequent examinations.

I am sending a copy of this notation to Mr. Mittnacht in order that he may be informed of the position I have taken. May I expand it just a little by saying that I think we would all agree that any misunderstanding which might arise between us and the DuPonts at this time, would

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be prejudicial to our future relationships, so that even if we were willing to waive the question of personal honor in a matter that is rather nicely adjusted, I should still feel that the eventual practical consequences might be unfortunate for all concerned.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

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Robert A. Kohoe, M.D.