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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,
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Dear Bob,

Many thanks for your letter of 1st July in which you advise that you are sending us under separate cover such copies as you have of the various medical publications referred to in my letter to you of June 19th.

I also had thought that this particular ground had been covered years ago, and that we would not be called upon to supply any further copies of the original reports, most of which, as you say, are now long out of print.

You will recall the report of the Government Committee here. It is so long since we had occasion to refer to this report, that when the Swedish Government people asked us for a copy we found that there was only one left in our files. It is not possible to get any further supplies since the type has long since been destroyed. I believe, however, that one copy should be sufficient for their requirements.

I have noted what you say in regard to the paper entitled "Problems in handling Ethyl Fluid and Ethyl Gasoline", and to another entitled "Hazards in the handling of Ethyl Fluid and Leaded Gasoline".

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

(T.R.A.BEVAN).

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July 1, 1946

Mr. T. R. A. Bevan,
Associated Ethyl Company Ltd.,
Artillery House, Artillery Row,
London, S. W. 1, England.

Dear Ray:

Thanks very much for your letter of June 19. You can rest assured that I am prepared to give careful consideration to everything that has to do with policy and general method of procedure throughout the whole of your activities. As you will have noted, my replies to your letters are sometimes belated, for I have not been able to shake off the multiplicity of my responsibilities despite the return of peace. However, I shall do my best.

In connection with the examination of the sludges or other materials, such as that which may be found in rail tank cars, it seems wise to forward to you a stepwise description of our analytical procedure for such use as it may be to you and your associates. These procedures are based on our own experience plus the recommendations of Calingaert with respect to specific properties of various organic lead compounds. They are an improvement over those reported to you formerly, I believe, and may well be advantageous to follow.

I am very glad to have the information on the Swedish situation. I was quite unaware that they had a manufacturing plant. Until Roffey made mention of it, I was equally unaware of their anxiety concerning the hazards of the use of leaded gasoline. I had considered that all of that ground had been covered years ago and that our situation was quite satisfactory except in Switzerland, and in one or two places like the Argentine, in which until recently political considerations had given rise to a ban. In fact, the original misunderstandings about this problem disappeared so long ago that much of our medical information on the earlier phase of the matter has gone out of print. This, in fact, is what has happened to some of the literature which you requested in your letter of June 21. I still have copies of Part II of the related pair of articles referred to in your letter, but of Part I there are at present in existence in my hands just four copies. The use for which you want them is about as important as any of which I can think, and therefore I am sending you two copies. It will be necessary for you to remember or to make note of the fact that there are no more to be had. Presumably this article could be reprinted, but I

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hesitate at this time to have this done, for the reason that if I can just get the time to do it, our purposes would be better served by a new article which would bring the subject up to date. In such an article one could make reference to the previous publications, but they would not need to be supplied.

I have not yet done so, but I shall check over your list of available publications and will send you whatever I have that may be of additional use.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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Reprints under separate cover.

P. S. Among the papers being sent you under separate cover are two which I think you should examine rather closely in order to see whether or not you wish to make use of them. I refer to a paper entitled "Problems in Handling Ethyl Fluid and Ethyl Gasoline," reprinted from National Safety News, January 1934, and to another entitled "Hazards in the Handling of Ethyl Fluid and Leaded Gasoline," reprinted from National Safety News, May 1938. My reason for suggesting that you look at these critically is that they give some discussion of the problem of tank cleaning in a way that would not be regarded as wholly satisfactory at the present time. They presented the facts as far as we knew them at the time of the publication of these papers, but it may be that you would be fearful of their being misinterpreted. The only reason for using them at all is that they present certain other facts which are of some importance. At any rate I leave this question in your hands for decision as you think best.

Enc. - Mr. Cholak has copy of analytical procedure enclosed.

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