

February 27, 1930

Mr. A. E. Mittnacht,
Ethyl Gasoline Corp.,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mittnacht:

With reference to your letter of February 21 concerning the compensation of Mr. [REDACTED] I feel that it would be perfectly safe to send a check for the sum which you stated. I had a talk with him in considerable detail and I believe that he is a thoroughly honorable fellow, in fact, he is almost like an innocent child in his attitude toward this matter. He told me that he felt that since his injury had been in no way his fault somebody should compensate him. On the other hand, he did not feel that he wished to burden his employer, and he did not know who else would be responsible. Therefore he proposed doing nothing about the matter, but hoped that somebody would see fit to pay him what it had cost him. I would be inclined to take this sort of discussion with a grain of salt in the case of most men, but in his instance I feel that he was saying exactly what he thought. Consequently I feel that if I were to send him a check for \$441.00 he would cash the check, be very happy over being reimbursed, and do or say nothing about it in the future.

I have had some correspondence with his employer who told me only two weeks ago that Pierson was in good condition and apparently under no fear as to a recurrence of his trouble.

If you feel that it will be entirely satisfactory, I would suggest that you send me a check for \$441.00, charging it to hospital expenses for [REDACTED] the same basis that you previously reimbursed me for the money which I paid out in bringing him to Cincinnati and caring for him. I will then send him my personal check for the amount with a note telling him that in line with my conversation I had taken it upon myself to see if I could not obtain a reimbursement for his expenses, and that having been able to do so I was sending him the full amount. This would require no explanation as to the source of the money and the circumstances under which it was obtained. If you feel that this is perfectly satisfactory I will be glad to do it in this way.

Very truly yours,

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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

25 BROADWAY

NEW YORK February 21, 1930.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. R. A. Kehoe,

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Mr. Webb has asked me to answer your letter of January 15th with further reference to the case of Mr. [REDACTED]. He has reviewed this matter fully and both of us have also discussed it personally with Fitz Gerald who happens to be in New York this week. He is going to take up the matter with the executives of the British American Oil Company and will see to it that their handling of Ethyl Gasoline in the future is done in full conformity with our rules and regulations. There is no doubt that there is a tendency on the part of some of our new distributors to minimize the dangers involved in handling Ethyl Gasoline because of the fact that they know so much of it has been sold throughout the country without trouble. The only thing we can do is to instruct our field staff to be continuously on the alert to see that all of your rules and regulations are fulfilled. I am addressing a letter to our division managers today on this subject, a copy of which is attached hereto.

With regard to [REDACTED] himself, if you recommend it we are entirely agreeable to paying him any sum up to \$441.00 to cover the wages that he lost and his hospital and doctor's expenses. Of course, we must not under any conditions admit any liability. If you can handle this payment, inasmuch as you have had such close contact with him, in a manner that does not in any way involve the company in possible admission of wrong or encourage him to attempt to collect a further sum, would you please do so.

We presume that you will keep rather closely in touch with this situation so that there cannot by any chance be a reoccurrence of his illness.

Please let us know just exactly how you will handle the situation in order to complete our files on the subject.

Very truly yours,

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