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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
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Dear Doctor:

At the conclusion of our conversation the other day we met Dr. Blankenhorn for a discussion of the Daye case. I believe Dr. Blankenhorn's views are exactly in agreement with your own, that is that with a possible exception of Benzol, there is no chemical etiology for lymphatic leukemia. Benzol alone has been judged to be a possible cause of leukemia whereas several chemical agents will cause blood changes in the nature of leukopenia without however, any further progression toward a lymphatic leukemia.

Dr. Blankenhorn suggested that we rely not only on proving the absence of Benzol exposure in this case but that we present as extensive a picture as possible of our 25 years experience with lacquers without incidence of leukemia, as shown by our relative divisional corporation and national lymphatic morbidity. Some of these figures I quoted to you the other day.

We will advise you further when the case progresses.

Sincerely yours,

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General Medical Director

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