

January 6, 1938

Mr. J. P. Adoue
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Dear Mr. Adoue:-

I have your letter of January 3rd and I see no present reason why I should not be able to be in Houston on Sunday, January 30th. I will let you know later just when I shall arrive. I agree with you that it would be wise to discuss some of the details of this case in advance of the court procedure.

I am sending you under separate cover a book in which you will find most of the important investigations as carried out in this laboratory in relation to the problem of lead absorption through exposure to leaded gasoline. I have only a few copies of this book left so that I can only loan it to you for this occasion. Therefore whether or not it could be done legally in your state, this book may not be put in evidence or allowed to get out of my possession. You will note in it references to various reports made by official agencies in this country and in Great Britain. I shall bring copies of these reports along with me for your examination. Their chief value to you resides in the fact that they represent official confirmation of the work done in our laboratory, and they also represent official statements to the effect that the exposure to lead associated with the handling of leaded gasoline does not constitute a lead hazard in the accepted sense of the word. I think it should be clear from our work, and from that of these government agencies that there is no possibility of the occurrence of a case of acute lead poisoning as the result of contact with leaded gasoline, or exposure to its vapors. As a matter of fact, the worst situation that was ever feared by anybody in connection with this type of exposure was that as the result of long continued slight exposure, chronic cases of lead poisoning might occur. Even this possibility has been excluded by the observations and experiences of the past thirteen years so that it now

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appears quite clear, and is almost generally understood by authorities, that lead poisoning is not to be expected in any person as a consequence of the handling of leaded gasoline.

Very truly yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

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