

December 7, 1945

Dr. R. A. Kehoe
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Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

We are attaching hereto, an Interview Report on Mr. H. H. Booth, a member of the Legal Department for the Phillips Petroleum Company, and Mr. Henry W. Buck, Attorney for the Eureka Petroleum Company, Phillips jobbers, in regard to two Workmen's Compensation claims on which either Mr. Booth or Mr. Buck may write to you for advice.

We will appreciate anything you can do to be of assistance to them.

Very truly yours,

ETHYL CORPORATION

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cc-Mr. O. B. Lewis
Mr. L. W. Shank
Mr. H. L. Nixon

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INTERVIEW REPORT

COMPANY: Phillips Petroleum CompanyDATE: December 4, 1945

*H. H. Booth

NAME

Attorney - Legal Department

TITLE

Kansas City, Mo.

LOCATION

Henry W. Buck

Attorney, Morrison, Nugent, Berger,

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Hecker & Buck, (Attorneys
for Eureka Pet. Co.)

Phillips Jobbers)

*To be added to personnel list.

Conference was arranged at our office at request of Mr. Booth to discuss two Workmens' Compensation Claims, one of which involves a Phillips Petroleum Company former employee at their Kansas City, Kansas refinery, and the other a deceased employee of Eureka Petroleum Company, Phillips Jobber in Kansas City.

Both lawyers were about to take depositions in their respective cases and the interview was held primarily to familiarize themselves with the possible hazards involved in the work of the men for whom the claims are being made.

Mr. Booth informed me that their former refinery employee is Everett O. Dowell who was an electrician at their Kansas City refinery. He was neither an Ethyl blender nor a laboratory employee but may have had occasion to enter the Ethyl blending plant. His claim is based upon respiratory trouble which he contends was caused by exposure to petroleum and gasoline vapors encountered while working in various parts of their plant. As far as I could determine, TEL exposure has not been mentioned specifically except in a very general way as one of the many factors which might have caused his condition.

Mr. Booth was given Dr. R. A. Kehoe's address at his request because he may wish to communicate with Dr. Kehoe for medical advice or literature related to this case.

The other case, which is being handled by Mr. Buck, is a death claim in which it is stated that the Eureka Petroleum Company employee worked on delivery of gasoline and fuel oil, the cleaning of consumers' fuel oil tanks, and did other work around the Eureka plant which exposed him to gasoline and fuel oil vapors resulting in a blood condition which, according to medical opinion received by Mr. Buck, is similar to that resulting from benzol poisoning. No mention of TEL has been made in the claim

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although almost every other hazard connected with storage and shipment of petroleum products was mentioned.

I informed Messrs. Booth and Buck that I was unable to give them any information of a medical nature, but gave them a fairly lengthy explanation of the hazards involved in handling of petroleum and related information. In view of the nature of the claims I cannot quite understand their interest in the possibilities of lead poisoning from Ethyl Fluid except perhaps to prepare for all contingencies which may arise.

We have been requested to do nothing further on either of these cases until such time as either attorney communicates direct with Dr. Kehoe.

Messrs. Booth and Buck both expressed their appreciation for the time and information we gave them.

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