

January 29, 1968

Mr. Alan C. Tully
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Dear Alan:

I'm slow in replying to your thoughtful letter of January 9, for the reason that I just returned to Cincinnati on the 25th, after being in San Francisco (and environs) for six weeks, and have had to spend about three days finding the top of my desk, among other necessary acts of orientation. But without further delay I shall give you as good an answer to your queries and suggestions as I can. I am anxious to give and obtain as much cooperation and advice as possible in the meeting at Cincinnati on February 11 and 12.

In undertaking to review the recent and present performance of Ethyl Corporation in matters of safety, and to reexamine the risks and the prospects for trouble in the hygienic field as they appear presently, I hope first to enlist the considered opinions of the technical people in various areas of the operations. I have certain views of my own which I shall wish to lay out for critical examination and discussion at the proper time, but not at the start.

I shall begin, I think, with the manufacturing operations in which, I know, from a fairly recent visit to Baton Rouge, present some problems, and are always loaded with potentialities for trouble. I shall go from there to transportation, which is the most serious potential threat, despite the relative rarity of actual trouble. There have been, as you know, at least, in part, some very tragic occurrences in the transportation of antiknock compounds. There are opportunities for even more serious accidents than those that have occurred. Any such accident offers a severe threat to Ethyl Corporation at any time, but a bad one could jeopardize the survival of the business at this time, when any valid reason for public fear might justify its suppression.

I want also to examine, as well as I can, the effects of the attenuation of the relationship of Ethyl hygienic and medical personnel to refinery personnel (including management) during recent years, in terms of the possible decline in the awareness of the extent of the hazard of handling antiknock fluids in refineries and laboratories.

Finally, I want to see that the men with whom I consult have a sound understanding of the problems of public health in relation to lead, and of the position of Ethyl Corporation in this matter.

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I want to make these men aware of my need for factual information on what has happened in their areas of experience and association. If they do not know all that has happened I want them to consult others in the Corporation and be fully informed. I've been somewhat out of touch with the situation as a whole since 1958, and I don't want to fail to "cover the waterfront."

I fully agree with what you have said about Morris Shonfield (whom I want to know better). I want him to bring with him all he knows, and to take away with him all he can get of the combined knowledge of the other members of my advisory committee, as it may be augmented by discussions with other knowledgeable people in the Corporation. Some of the material that goes into this report may have to be documented if it is to be effectual. Consequently, I may need supporting data, as well as a consensus within the committee.

I am pleased greatly by the seriousness with which you (and other Ethyl executives of the Corporation) are taking this study, and I hope that I will be able to measure up to the requirements of the situation, with the help of my committee and that of all others who know their several ways around in this business.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Dear Bob:

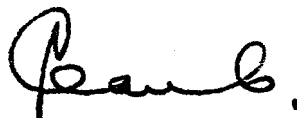
This is in reference to the study which George Kirby asked you to conduct on behalf of Ethyl Corporation and specifically to the participation of Morris Shonfield from our local organization.

As you know, Ethyl of Canada not only has marketing experience in handling antiknock compounds but it also maintains a manufacturing plant in which inherent problems are involved. It would be very helpful to us if sometime in advance of the first meeting you call, to which Morris Shonfield might be invited, you would advise us concerning the scope of the subject matter planned for discussion. The reason I say this is that Morris has devoted practically all of his time to the handling of antiknock compounds in the field and in this area he is very proficient. The aspects of handling lead within our manufacturing operations are something else and we would want to not only acquaint him with the situation involved there, but we would like to develop a united viewpoint for Ethyl of Canada by his meeting with such people as Dr. Douglas Warren, George R. Mills, Jimmy Main and myself.

I believe you will agree that the foregoing would be constructive and helpful to Morris and make his contribution to your committee work that much more effective.

Kindest regards to you and yours.

Sincerely,



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