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Mr. Thomas Midgley,
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation,
555 Cunard Building,
25 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Mr. Midgley:

Doctor Sayers informs me that you called him on the phone this morning and stated that it had been decided to discontinue the production of ethyl gasoline for ninety days; that you were not in accord with this decision and hoped that this Bureau would be willing to write to those who have made the decision stating that it believed nothing would be gained by so doing.

While this Bureau is cognizant of the benefit to be derived from the use of ethyl gasoline and is interested in the subject from the standpoint of fuel conservation, it does not believe it to be within the scope of its work to attempt to suggest to the manufacturers of ethyl gasoline that the manufacture of it should be continued. We believe the Bureau is not warranted in going further at this time than it did in the general statement which was given to the press. In other words, it is believed that we have practically covered the subject. We are hastening the investigation on the effects of the diluted tetraethyl lead as rapidly as possible and will give you an early report. However, much of this phase of the problem has been covered by Doctor Kehoe and considerable information is known from a practical standpoint in that it has been sold for some months on the open market.

As before stated, this Bureau is greatly interested in this subject and it will be very glad, I assure you, to endeavor to supply to you and to all others interested in the matter any information that we have collected at any time, especially if it will assist you or the companies with whom you are working in deciding policies.

Yours very truly,

D. A. LYON, Acting Director
For H. FOSTER BAIN, Director.

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