

January 3, 1927.

Mr. E. J. Biechler,
c/o The Delco Light Co.,
Dayton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Biechler:

Some days ago I wrote you enclosing a letter which I had written to Mr. Kettering in which a tentative plan for expanding our research program was presented. I am very anxious to have a frank expression of your reaction to that plan as soon as possible, because in the near future it will be necessary for me to decide definitely on several matters related to our work during the coming year. For a number of reasons it will be necessary for me to curtail some of the experimental work we are now doing, or make some arrangement for providing more space.

I am going east in about ten days, and at that time I expect to lay these matters before the President of the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation. I have every reason to believe that a way may be developed for continuing and enlarging upon certain phases of our experimental work. It may be that you have thought that my suggestions required too much expenditure of time and money, and that you have not wished to engage in such an enterprise. In that case, I am risking the chance that you may misunderstand me in thinking that I am attempting thus to re-open the matter on a different scale. However, in not wishing to make an arrangement which might exclude the possibility of carrying out work which you may still wish us to undertake, I am merely reciprocating the courtesy you have shown me.

Will you be good enough, therefore, to let me know at your earliest convenience what you think of the general terms of my proposal, and whether you wish to have us consider you in on a program which we shall soon map out for the year's work.

Very truly yours,

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