

ETHYL CORPORATION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO Dr. Kehoe - Cincinnati, Ohio

DATE February 24, 1950

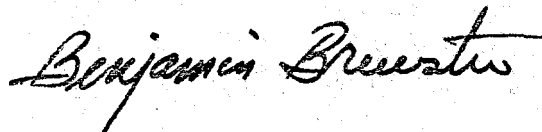
FROM Benjamin Brewster - Detroit

SUBJECT Smog Control
File Ref. 140.1010 20

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

I think you will find the enclosed letter self-explanatory. I am not sure, of course, whether you will ever hear from Mr. Paul Grimes of the L. A. County Smog Control Commission, but if he insists on having further information I believe it should come from you.

Very truly yours,



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DR. R. A. KEHOE

Mr. Gil Way - San Bernardino

February 24, 1950

Benjamin Brewster

Smog Control
File Ref. 140.1010-20

Dear Gil:

I have your note of February 20th, 1950 reporting that Paul Grimes, of L. A. County Smog Control, had asked for material to combat crank letters. The question of whether the use of lead adds to the toxicity of exhaust products is an old one. I have a distinct recollection of its being raised by Nicholas Murray Butler back in the early Twenties during the recess in our operations. He claimed the universal use of leaded gasolines in heavily populated areas such as Manhattan would wipe out the entire population simply due to the lead compounds thrown into the air. Earl Bartholomew told me this when I was first employed. You will find it mentioned in T. A. Boyd's recent Horning Memorial SAE paper, although not in connection with smog.

While the record obviously speaks for itself, some kind of an answer must have been found else we would not have dared open up shop again as we did in 1926.

I believe, Gil, this is an instance in which it would be unwise for the Research Laboratories to attempt to provide information to the L. A. County Smog Control Commission. The question should be put to Dr. Kehoe in our Medical Department (Dr. R. A. Kehoe, The University of Cincinnati, Kettering Laboratory, College of Medicine, Cincinnati 19, Ohio). I think it would be advisable for Paul Grimes to write direct to him.

Very truly yours,

BB/mjm

Benjamin Brewster

cc: Dr. Kehoe