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*alleged or
suspected TEL
poisoning
in association with
Tank Cleaning*

*Misc-TEL
(organic lead) poisoning*

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Dear Doctor Kehoe:

Your letter of inquiry regarding Jesse Richardson places me in somewhat of a quandary. As you so aptly pointed out, there may be medico-legal matters at issue which definitely places me in a difficult position.

In as much as I would really enjoy the various ramifications of the case with you, may I suggest that someone obtain a release from the patient, which would permit me to do so.

Sincerely yours,

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Poisoning is always expressed by acute irritation of the central nervous system, with mental disturbances as the only important clinical picture. Chronic lead poisoning of the ordinary variety does not occur, even under the conditions of prolonged exposure of low or moderate severity. Because of our experience I should regard it as most remarkable if a lesion of this kind were to develop on such a background. I should also point out, that the lead exposure associated with the cleaning of gasoline storage tanks can be, and has been, successfully avoided by the use of proper precautions.