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Dr. R.A. Kehoe,
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OHIO,
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Dear Dr. Kehoe,

Attached in the sub-joined paragraph are the results of the analyses of the tissues of the man who died in France in December last. I will send you a full report as soon as I get the remainder of the analytical data. The formalin in which the tissues were preserved has not been analysed yet. These results are all well above the upper range of normal concentration of lead. One feels that there cannot be any doubt that this individual died as a result of chronic alcoholism, plus tetraethyl lead poisoning.

	<u>Volume or</u> <u>Weight.</u>	<u>Mgm. Pb. found.</u>	<u>Mgm. Pb/100 gm. tissue.</u>
Brain	63 gm.	0.36	0.57
Liver	29 gm.	0.15	0.52
Lung	20 gm.	0.097	0.48
Kidney	63 gm.	0.040	0.64
Water (Potable!)	246 ml.	0.135	0.55 mg/l

In a recent letter, you asked about the advisability of your visiting us this year. We would be more than delighted to see you, and the morale value of such a visit would indeed be great. When you ask if there is any specific reason why you should come over, I honestly cannot find one. There is an Operations Department Conference, commencing on the 20th June in London, at which members of the South American and Australian offices will be present. This would be an excellent opportunity, and possibly the only one, to meet the Operations group in this country. May I put it this way. We would like to see

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you, and expect to see you, just for the pleasure of seeing you. If you like us, you will come along.

I met Mr. Moffatt, of the South American office, last week, when he visited this Plant, and went over the South American picture with him. So far as I can ascertain, the majority of the so-called medical consultants in South America are not paid, and do not render reports. This Company has no hold on them whatsoever. I understand that there are fifty three blending points in South America and the West Indies at the present time. To cover all the blending points and meet all the doctors concerned would entail an intensive four months' tour. If this is to be done, it will have to be done next year, by me. It is pretty definite that a new plant will be erected in this country within the next three years, and I would like to get the overseas commitment covered for the first time before settling down to planning the new medical centre at Ellesmere Port.

I am leaving to-morrow for Egypt and the Persian Gulf area, and shall be back on the 3rd April. I will let you know what transpires on my return.

We started two new medical officers, Dr. N. Graham and Dr. M.D. Kipling, on the 1st March. Mr. T.R.A. Bevan has accepted that it requires two years to gain a proper perspective of the tetraethyl lead problems. They are being paid quite well, and this has also been accepted as necessary to retain men in the Company's service. Would it be possible for you to take one of them for training this Autumn, and one some time in 1950, provided that they turn out all right?

My regards to Mrs. Kehoe. Please tell her that we are anticipating seeing you both in England this year. You may as well get some benefit from the American dollars you are indirectly sending here!

Kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



E. Davison.

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