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19th September, 1946

Doctor R. A. Kehoe,
College of Medecine,
University of Cincinnati,
Ohio,
U.S.A.

Dear Doctor Kehoe,

With reference to the request you made in your letter to Ray Bevan dated August 3rd, for our assistance in obtaining for you the monograph on "Mercury Poisoning Hazards" for the mercury cell industry; we are attempting to obtain a copy for you, but we have only been able to learn so far that it is not being published in the British Journal of Industrial Medecine.

I will let you know just as soon as we have any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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August 3, 1946

Mr. T. F. A. Bevan,
The Associated Ethyl Company Limited,
Artillery House, Artillery Row,
London, S.W.1, England.

Dear Ray:

I have had your several letters of June 24 and July 22 and 23. I shall reply to these at one time, inasmuch as I am trying to clear my desk in order to leave on a short vacation trip today.

First, with reference to Abadan's confidential report attached to your letter of June 24, I do not consider that there is much for me to say in relation to this report. I am pleased at the progress that has been made. It now appears that the lead exposure is under such control as to assure that little or no difficulty will occur. Under such circumstances the exchange of further comments between myself and Abadan, on the significance of the length of time required for individual mixing operations, is somewhat unimportant. I quite agree that the longer this time is, the more likely does it become that unsupervised individuals may take short cuts and thus expose themselves unnecessarily to lead compounds. I must repeat, however, that the preventive point of view with reference to this work, applied with sufficient care, will do away with lead exposure. We have found it possible to accomplish this under similar circumstances, and I am quite confident that this can be done at Abadan. I am sure it will be recognized that I have had ample evidence of the willingness and the ability of the staff at Abadan to accomplish difficult tasks.

In the matter of the analysis of sludges of any kind that may contain tetraethyl lead as well as its decomposition products, I would suggest that you send Abadan the outline of the procedures for this purpose which I forwarded to you some time ago for transmission to Dr. Dodds. I think they will find it useful to employ analytical methods that will differentiate between inorganic lead compounds and organic, since the lead hazards are likely to be quite different if and when appreciable quantities of tetraethyl lead are available in these materials.

Again I should be glad if you would convey to Abadan my congratulations for their accomplishments.

I have noted your comments on samples of deposits from rail tank cars and will look forward to seeing the analytical results.

In the matter of the engagement of Dr. Davison, I am very pleased

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to have his history and credentials and to know that you feel that he is a good man for our purpose. I shall not communicate with him directly until I hear from him or from you, but I should be glad if you would give him every assurance that he can call upon me at any time for any advice or information or assistance of any kind which it is possible for me and my associates to give him.

I am now raising a question and asking for a bit of assistance which you may or may not be able to give us. In any case, I have been told by a technical man of my acquaintance recently returned from Germany, that a monograph on "Mercury Poisoning Hazards in the Mercury Cell Industry" is being published, presumably in England, and almost certainly under some authority representing the British Government. This book has been written by a Dr. Büttenbach, who was the medical man at Huls. I am told that Dr. Büttenbach is acting as assistant to the Control Office of the British Occupation and presumably through this relationship the opportunity has been provided for the publication of this work. I should be inclined to suspect that Mr. Avery of I.C.I., who was in Germany at the same time I was, will know something about this book, or that I.C.I. people in the Medical Department will be able to find out about it. In any case, we are doing quite a bit of work on this subject and I am very anxious indeed to get a copy of this book at the earliest possible time if and when it is available. If you could find out something about it for me without too much trouble, I should appreciate your help very much indeed.

With kindest personal regards to yourself and your associates and especially my best greetings to Timy and John, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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22nd July, 1946.

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,
University of Cincinnati,
College of Medicine,
CINCINNATI,
Ohio,
U. S. A.

Dear Bob,

I think you will be interested in the following extract from the July monthly report on T.E.L. plant operations:-

"The results obtained during the six months' physiological sampling period ended 15th June, 1946 are now available. The following are the Medical Officer's comments upon them:-

'The above figures are the lowest we have yet obtained since we commenced production in 1940 and reflect great credit upon both the management and the men. It is obvious from these figures that the management is continuing to obtain nearly 100% safety observance from the men and that the cleanliness of the plant is quite excellent. Our newcomers amongst the men are of a very good type and have already fitted into the picture with the adaptability and discipline to be expected of ex-service men, and we do feel that they are likely to co-operate well in safety measures.'

Dr. Edward Davison, B.Sc., M.D., B.A.O., D.P.H., (Queen's University, Belfast), who has succeeded Dr. D.A.K. Cassells as Works Medical Officer, joined the staff on 27th June, 1946."

Sincerely yours,

T. R. A. Bevan

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