

May 24, 1939

Mr. H. W. Jones
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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have your letter of May 18th concerning an employee named [REDACTED]. From the man's occupation, it seems highly improbable that he has absorbed any significant quantity of lead, and from the information which you have given me, I see not the slightest reason for believing that his neuritis is due to lead absorption. However every case of neuritis which develops in a man who has had occasion to handle leaded gasoline is regarded quite suspiciously by medical men on the false assumption that there is an inevitably significant lead exposure in connection with his work. I trust that Mr. Barefoot's visit to Pittsburgh will result in some other diagnosis being made, but in as much as one of my associates is planning to be in Pittsburgh today, I am asking him to look into the case by getting into communication with Dr. Wucher and to do whatever he can toward seeing that a proper diagnosis is arrived at.

It might be useful in as much as Mr. [REDACTED] is as near at hand as Pittsburgh if he were to come to Cincinnati for an examination and for a careful study of the lead content of his blood and of his excreta. Unless he has had some exposure to lead from other sources, I am quite confident that the findings in this respect will be entirely normal. It might turn out to be quite useful indeed to have this information if for no other reason than that it might be necessary to combat opinions arrived at on inadequate evidence by precise laboratory data.

I shall be glad to cooperate with you in looking after this man in any way that is possible, and I will report to you any information which is obtained by my assistant Dr. Schradin.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

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