

October 27, 1964

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Dear Doctor Davis:

I am pleased to have your letter of October 22, and your inquiry as to further information about the handling of the hygienic problems of what I take to be a storage battery plant. I was somewhat concerned lest my letter of June 5th had gone astray, or that it had failed to elicit your interest.

Let me say, by way of explanation of my concern, that the sad state of affairs in industrial medicine and industrial hygiene in the lead trades, as they commonly operate in the United States, and especially in the manufacture of storage batteries, has bothered me for many years. The latter industry has been responsible, in all probability, for more cases of lead poisoning in this country than any other, and the reason for this lies in the lack of guidance and the indifference of the owners or managers of these plants, and the lack of understanding, on the part of most of the physicians who provide medical supervision, of what is required to provide safe conditions for working. I have been at this for many years, and I know the problems, financial and hygienic, very well. For this reason, I was certain that the information which you had received in reply to your question (in the JAMA), was inadequate, and I tried to do what I could to see that you were properly informed.

I am sending you, as a preliminary bit of information, a reprint of a talk which I gave some months ago to the men who attended the last meeting of the Association of American Battery Manufacturers.

Along with this, I send a copy of a chapter which deals with the principles and techniques of industrial medicine and hygiene in the lead-using industries, reprinted from the reference work cited below, in order to give it wider distribution. Incidentally, this complete reference work is the best and most up-to-date source of information in the field of industrial hygiene, but it covers the field, far beyond the needs of most physicians, and is also very expensive. Lead Industries Association requested permission from me and also from the publisher to have the chapter on lead reprinted. I gladly consented and, to my surprise, so did the publisher, so that I now have some copies for distribution, which were sent to me by Lead Industries Association.

I also send a copy of the bound reprints of some lectures which I

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gave in London in 1960. The reprints were obtained by me for the purpose of distribution among my friends and professional colleagues, and I am pleased that some of them are still available.

I trust that you will find these full of useful information, but if I can be of further help to you, I hope you will let me know.

Very truly yours,

RAK:vr

Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

In reply to your letter of June 5, 1964, I am sorry I have been so long in replying. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you very much for the interest in my problem which has arisen since the Battery Plant opened here and I am the plant physician, this being something quite new to me. If you have further information that you might give me this also will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly:

Dr. Lewis M. Davis

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