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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,
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Eden Avenue,
Cincinnati 19, Ohio.

Re: [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] vs. E. I.
du Pont de Nemours & Company.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

I received your letter of the 23rd ultimo in reference to the above matter, which was in reply to mine of the 17th ultimo. I have never heard from Mr. Klaw as to whether or not he desired me to try to compromise these cases. Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have just sent him by air mail, special delivery.

Inasmuch as we must advise Judge Caillouet, the United States District Judge, by the 21st instant whether or not the cases will be tried in his Court, I have asked Mr. Klaw to telephone us his wishes in the matter. In your last letter, you agreed with me that we should try to compromise these cases so that no reply is needed to this letter. However, I want to keep you up to date on the situation.

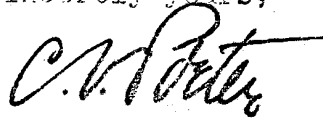
I am quite discouraged about our ability to successfully defend these suits because of the fact that none of the doctors here in Baton Rouge, as you well know, have had any experience or have much knowledge of the results and recuperative characteristics of lead poisoning. I am satisfied that practically any doctors who we ask to examine [REDACTED] will be as dubious about his present condition as Drs. McVea and Wallace were with reference to [REDACTED]. Moreover, if the cases go to trial, the jury will start off on the premise that these men suffered severe cases of

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lead intoxication, and because of the general impression among laymen that the Ethyl Corporation is operating a lethal industry, I fear that that belief will be such a handicap as to prevent the jury from impartially considering the case.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



C. V. Porter.

CVP/mr
Enc.
cc - Abel Klaw, Esq.

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