

March 16, 1946

AIR MAIL

Mr. A. H. Chenault,
Ethyl Corporation,
977 West Sixth Street,
Los Angeles 14, California.

Re: Albert W. Flinn

Dear Mr. Chenault:

Unfortunately I was out of town when your letter arrived, and since Dr. Schradin is in Houston and Dr. Kitzmiller is out of the Laboratory, the matter has not received attention.

This sounds like one of those rather typical affairs in which the man in question has not had adequate clinical study and in which, therefore, the easy way out has been to make the diagnosis of lead poisoning.

The obvious thing to do under the circumstances has been done, provided Pacific Employers' Insurance Company has obtained the services of a doctor who will make a thoroughgoing clinical study of the case. It is a little bit difficult for me to say how the matter should be handled further, although as you well know, we will be prepared to give any assistance that we can and if necessary arrangement can be made for Dr. Schradin to see and examine the man. The important thing at this time is to see that suitable analyses are made as quickly as possible, and we shall be glad to do anything we can on this score. If we had any contact with the physician in the case by telephone, wire or otherwise, we could give our best advice, provide sample containers, carry out the analyses, and report them promptly. The difficulty is that such analyses may be made improperly, and if they were to yield incorrectly high results, the situation would be badly confused.

Our notation says that Dr. Schradin is in Houston and can be reached through Art Roberts, 3118 Wroxton Road, Houston 5, Texas. If you think it necessary in view of developments since your letter, you might undertake to telephone him, giving him the necessary information. Otherwise if it is worth while, you might telephone me so that we shall not leave anything out which can be done from this end. If the matter has proceeded satisfactorily, you can report to me at your convenience by correspondence.

Cordially yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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