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June 5, 1956

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Attached is a letter I received from
Dr. Francis M. Pottenger, Jr. together with my
reply.

I trust the manner in which I have
handled this proves satisfactory to you. In
view of our recent meeting in Wilmington in
which it was more or less decided that you, as
Director of Kettering Laboratory, would be the
"spokesman" for the TEL Industry; it seemed to
me that this was the technique to employ.

If it meets with your approval, I
would appreciate receiving a copy of your reply
to Dr. Pottenger.

Sincerely,

S. L. Rankin, M. D.,
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Dr. S. L. Fankin
Medical Adviser
E. I. Dupont Nemour & Company
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Doctor Fankin:

You will recall our recent discussion in regard to lead in the atmosphere of Los Angeles and that the medical men were concerned particularly about the concentrations of lead at the street level and at the air scoop level of automobiles that are continually driving our highways. Unfortunately, I was unable to hear Doctor Kehoe's discussion recently in Los Angeles. However, I have had reports from the medical members of our Committee and others in attendance. They did feel that Dr. Kehoe discussed the problem of lead contamination in the atmosphere as a whole but did not touch upon the important subject of the individual who is in the automobile congested areas. As I stated to you at the time, our Committee is most anxious to have information on the concentrations of lead on the street level. We are also interested in knowing whether or not lead in the atmosphere may catalyze other biological reactions. Should your figures carry out Dr. Kehoe's recent statements that our lead danger is far more from food ingestion than from air ingested, even in heavily traveled traffic areas we should be very glad to give such a report to the Council of the County Medical Association and recommend publication in the Bulletin. I should appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Francis M. Pottenger, Jr.

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Chairman of the Smog Committee

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Dear Dr. Pottenger:

Realizing your concern about lead contamination in the air, as evidenced in your letter of May 10th, and to allay any undue apprehension on this matter, I am asking Dr. Kehoe to communicate with you directly on this subject. I would add however, that our information does fully concur with Dr. Kehoe's recent statements.

As you may already know, he and his associates at the Kettering Laboratory have been actively studying lead metabolism and air pollution for some years. We in Du Pont feel therefore that he is best qualified to answer your inquiry and to supply the information you requested that could then be released to the County Medical Association.

Assuring you of our desire to cooperate on this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

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