

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

25 BROADWAY

NEW YORK May 9, 1929.

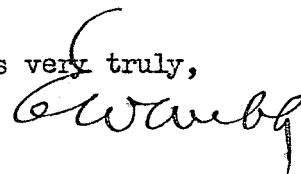
IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,
College of Medicine,
Eden & Bethesda Aves.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Enclosed is copy of correspondence
recently exchanged with Mr. Wagner regarding the
 case.

Yours very truly,



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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION
25 Broadway

NEW YORK, May 8, 1929.

Mr. S. M. Wagner,

Dear Sam:

I am glad that you called me up about the Miami, Arizona matter. It enabled me to immediately relay it by telephone to Dr. Kehoe who stated that he would do everything he possibly could to ascertain the present status through Rochester.

It is almost unthinkable that Mr. [REDACTED] trouble is attributable to the handling of Ethyl Gasoline when one considers that thousands of men for several years have been handling much larger quantities and, in some sections, twice the concentration of lead per gallon of gasoline, without any trouble.

It seems incredible that with our record, a man who only handles an average of 500 gallons a month, or, say, 20 gallons a day, could possibly have absorbed a sufficient amount of lead to have brought about a condition similar to that complained of in connection with Mr. Gilmore.

You were quite right in suggesting a quiet investigation as to Mr. [REDACTED] previous history, and I think that Mr. Brewster was right in suggesting that you should not go to Miami as to do so might react unfavorably.

Obviously, I am very much interested in hearing the outcome of your investigation, as well as the report from Dr. Kehoe which will probably come in within the next week. Upon its receipt will immediately communicate with you.

Yours very truly,

(signed) E. W. Webb

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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION
25 Broadway

NEW YORK

San Francisco Office,
564 Market Street
Los Angeles, California.

Mr. A. E. Mittnacht,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Art:

Mr. Webb has undoubtedly told you about my telephone conversation with him this morning, and by this time you have received part of a quotation of a letter written by Mr. Van Horn, local jobber for the Union Oil Co. at Miami, Arizona, to Mr. Earl W. Brewster, district sales manager of the Union Oil Co. in Arizona. I talked with Mr. Brewster over the telephone, and Mr. Van Horn is making a thorough investigation of [REDACTED] history, as his occupation of churn driller suggested that he is a miner and might have sometime recently worked in a lead mine or smelter. Mr. Van Horn is also looking around the service station, and this man's residence to see if there is any lead pipe or any other sources of lead which might have caused this man to have lead poisoning. In my conversation with Mr. Brewster, he was of the opinion that my presence in Miami might hurt the cause more than it would help, as Miami is a very small place and a visit there might cause people to attach more importance to this incident than we might like at this time. I will keep you fully informed of anything that develops.

Yours very truly,

(signed) S. M. Wagner

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Phoenix, Arizona May 2, 1929.

J. B. Williams, Mgr. So. Div.

Los Angeles,

 Miami, Ariz.

Ethyl Gasoline

Herewith original of letter from Mr. Van Hook,
Miami, Arizona. We have retained copy of same for our file.

Will you kindly take steps that you deem
necessary in this connection.

Yours truly,

Earle W. Brewster,

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District Sales Manager.

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CC - Mr. T. J. Long, Attention: Mr. C. W. Van Hook, Miami.

Mr. Van Hook: Any additional information in the way of
the doctor who attended Mr.  at Miami, or any other
happenings from time to time would be of interest.

Mr. Brewster talked to Mr. Wagner on long distance phone today
on this matter.

CC - Mr. S. M. Wagner, Architects Bldg., 816 W. 5th St., LA

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25 Broadway
NEW YORK

San Francisco Office
564 Market St.

Los Angeles, Calif.
May 2, 1929.

Mr. A. E. Mittnacht,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Art:

As per telephone conversation with your office I am enclosing herewith extract of a letter which was given to me over the telephone, from Mr. E. W. Brewster, District Sales Manager, Union Oil Co., for Arizona.

The gasoline he speaks of is Union Ethyl gasoline. [REDACTED] previous occupation, described in this letter as "churn driller" means a man who works in a mine with a hand drill. I have asked Mr. Brewster to make a quiet investigation of this man's previous history as I suspect he had probably been engaged in lead mining or around some of the lead smelters at some time. As you will have probably instructed me before this letter reaches you, I have no further comments to make at this time.

Yours very truly,

S. M. Wagner

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May 16, 1929

Mr. E. W. Webb,
Ethyl Gasoline Corp.,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Webb:

After our conversation over the telephone in the matter of one Mr. [REDACTED] of Miami, Arizona, I gave some thought to whether or not I should go to Rochester, and finally decided it would be better policy if I were to write first and obtain such information as was available. I have just received a letter today which I think justifies that course.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I have received from Dr. C. K. Maytum, of the Mayo Clinic, describing his findings in the case of Mr. [REDACTED]. I think this letter answers satisfactorily all the questions that have come up in the case of this man. I have no way of telling from the history which you gave me how he might have been exposed to carbon monoxide, but at least it seems reasonably certain that there is no basis for attributing his condition to the handling of Ethyl Gasoline. The conclusion of Dr. Maytum is, I think, quite well justified by the mild course of Gilmore's illness. If he had had an encephalitis due to lead it would have run quite a different course and would probably have had a different outcome for the outlook for recovery in these cases, as you know, is none too favorable, and certainly they did not recover with the rapidity that this man did. From my point of view, therefore, this would be regarded as a closed case.

Since you made no reference to the Travelers in connection with Mr. [REDACTED], I am assuming that there is no reason for my writing them about this matter. If I am mistaken, however, please let me know and I will communicate directly with Mr. Reid.

I am maintaining the original letter of Dr. Maytum in my file. It was not given to me in strict confidence but I believe it would be good policy not to use the letter itself unless it becomes necessary. I would suggest therefore that whatever communication you wish to make from it would be in the form of a quotation in your own words of its contents, without using the letter direct. This is merely because I appreciate Dr. Maytum's courtesy in giving me the facts, whereas he might have regarded his whole relation with the patient as confidential and might have been quite justified in giving me no information beyond a simple statement of fact.

Very truly yours,

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