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Dear Doctor Kehoe;

Thanks for your letter and your consideration. To say I am disappointed is to tell you the truth. I had hoped you would help me.

I do not understand you when at the end of your letter you say "I do not believe that your opinions concerning what happened to you is justified. " The facts are, I was exposed to metallic fumes while working as a pipe coverer. I was also exposed to the abrasive dusts of my trade. These dusts, to my mind were not soothing to the membranes but shall we say inflamative, if that be the correct word.

I have some of your articles particularly on lead. Can you say (I do not ask you to commit yourself) but is it not possible that after the abrasive inhalations and ingestion plus the large amounts of lead fumes inhaled and ingested daily for seven years, that there is a greater possibility to susceptible pathology, more so than if I was a welder and not a pipe coverer. Do I make myself clear?

Those letters from other victims, who like myself were not given the proper treatment and like myself are now in the classification you put us, as in the first part of your letter. Are they to be ignored? It is not me alone that have these hallucinations, I gave you some of the proof that there are others like me - men who have spent thousands of dollars and gotten where?

To the place where you say I am now.

Clinical work to day is as you say, up in the air. What proof can I offer what proof have you a total stranger, finding, as I know you will find, out standing pathology, due as you say, I myself believe from the inhalation of abrasive dusts and corrosive and other metals?

None! As a new comer. But what a difference if your medical and clinical and lab findings were backed up by those doctors who have palmed me off to other doctors as they have those other victims whose letters I attached to the sheaf.

I have asked my doctor ~~for~~ to have a consultation of those other doctors who knew me seven years ago, particularly Dr Largay who treated me up to two years ago for Grippe when it was really Metal Fume Fever and which he said in his certificate, that my lowered resistance could be from the inhalation of metallic fumes. He just shrugged his shoulders. No consultation.

This procedure with me as with the many others I have contacted gets us no where. It does fatten the coffers of the medical profession and protects the funds of the insurance carriers.

That pathology of the muscles is assured from the storing up of lead in the system you know is true. But what has been done about it? Nothing. Even to this day, and I have tried continuously to see a pathologist and toxicologist has been futile.

Why?

I mentioned in my letter that I had Xrays in my, I said, in my possession that will prove pathology of the lungs as far back as 1947 with xrays taken in 1942 that will show clear lungs.

These xrays you could have examined if you had asked for them.

That Dr. Potter of the hospital for Chest diseases in Medical Center Jersey city lost a complete set taken at intervals of six years is or could be an accident. As large as the package was it could have been an accident, but when a similar set was also lost by the medical department of the Navy Yard was also lost, would you call it an accident or coincident or deliberate? These Xrays would show the general pathological changes in both lungs.

I try not to be analytical or mean or act as a person with a persecution complex, but I have your own item on Lead poisoning. I have met with the men who like myself cannot work and their wives and families and I know that we are all not victims of a complex.

My friends in the nut house.

Manganese. This stuff stores up for years. Twenty is not uncommon. Yet when I noticed after being down in the holds of ships where welding was being done and the fumes were heavy. I would, when I came up on top to urinate pass deep redish colored urine. I thought it was due to holding my water longer than coming up to the top side more often. This was a job, climbing ladders. Many of us would hold our water rather than make the climb.

Johnstone notes in his book this reddish color but Dr Wally wanted it to be a bright brook red. Now you know there are allowances.

My claim is valid. That I am assured of and you know it.

But what are we to do? Take it on the chin? Not me.

A Jew friend told me that I have the intelligence and with proper collaboration I should write a book about this damnable stuff and the lack of medical men who can properly diagnose our cases and the lack of clinics in hospitals to cope with our cases when and if we are properly diagnosed.

That is why I wrote you in the first place to see just what your college is doing to create medical men who can handle our cases and properly diagnose them.

Hoplessness and frustrated are the men whom I have encountered. I believe that my book will prevent such occurrences in the future when my book is put in their hands and they can find the know how, about getting to labs for blood and urine tests of lead in particular, while it is still in the system.

Then the pathology of the muscles etc can well be established. It is the ignorance of the victim who is put of work and who after much loss of time is sent to a lab and then told there is no lead in his body liquids, for one reason and one reason alone he has been allowed to wait until the metal has been excreted.

Manganese and Fluoride I am told, that there is no method known that will definitely prove for the courts excess metals in the system. If this is a lie then blame it on one of the brightest chemists in this metropolitan area and not on me. I have his written word for it.

Two weeks ago, I occasionally get a head condition. The doctors have me running

to their offices every day or so. I take their nose drops etc. Then the infection settles in the lungs.) *

Here is what I diagnose for my self. The area over the soft palate is where it starts. The drip getting worse gets down into the lungs (already fibrosed and as the broncoscopy showed broncheietasis) and the puss gathering ther with the puss originally caused by my lung infection makes me damned sick.

My fever runs 103 and better. So I find that a shot or two of pennicillan o or as the doctor ordered this last time bicillan does the job in one or two visits.

Why then keep me running to the office at three bucks per visit. It has now gone to five bucks. This lets me out.

Bronchiectasis? Fibrosis? They can come from ordinary colds. Still they are both symptoms of irritant dusts and chemicals.

Why not give me the benefit of the doubt?

Now doctor you say I am getting of the track. I am getting bitter. I am telling the doctor what his business is. Dr Wally when I asked him if there were no nodular showing in the xrays he took of me looked at me and became insulted. Still from the Xrays I have in my home show that if the proper technical methods had been used in the taking of the Xrays they would have shown up.

So what?

Cover up your typewriter Bill and for get it.

See a few more suckers and get to hell and gone on the job and get your book out. The Jew will finance it.

Charles W. Hancock

* What I wanted to say, was, two weeks ago I went to a hospital and a china boy looked at me and sent me for a shot or bicillan. That fixed me up. He wants me to go for a check up but all I will get is more heat and lung heart and lung-heart and lung. That is what it was in the past that is what it will be in the future. The china boy noted my tonsils. What a wonderful tonsilectomy. Who did the job? You, Dr Kehoe, figure it out. Fluoride attacks the septum in the nose. We insulated our nose as I explained in my letter to you with vasalene. But here is a general athropy of the tonsils as prroven in the sheaf of data, from enlarged inflamed tonsils in 1941, till now two doctors, one of long standing professionally and one young intern say, "What a wonderful tonsilectomy. Who did it?" Yeah. What happend the tonsils? Is this what causes the head infections that settle in the lungs? I aint no doctor. I'm jest askin.

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