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Dr. Raymond Hussey, Chairman,
Medical Board for Occupational Diseases,
State Industrial Accident Commission,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Hussey:

Thanks very much for sending me the copy of the report of your Medical Board. I am very glad to have seen it, and I think it contains much useful information. There are a number of questions which I might raise concerning it, but these would be of very little importance in the main. From my point of view, the report is interesting as a matter of record because of the care with which various types of cases have been tabulated. I think these reports will be useful additions to our vital statistics in this field of work. I do not need to point out to you that where the information is obtained and reported with less care, it is often misleading rather than helpful.

There is one question on a point which struck my attention by accident, that I would like to raise. In table 3, on the 14th page, (beginning with the white leaf of the booklet), under lead poisoning, I find six cases of lead poisoning referred to in connection with garages or service stations. Inasmuch as I know of no bonafide cases of lead poisoning from contact with or exposure to leaded gasolines, I cannot but wonder whether there were six cases of this type compensated in your state. If it is not too much trouble, you might give me a little information on these, since, as you probably know, I have been investigating this problem and have been reporting such cases of complaints as have come to our attention to the Public Health Service. I may have some complaints from Maryland during the years indicated, and I shall look into the matter to find out. However, I have no record of such cases coming to a hearing or having received compensation.

Thanks again for your courtesy in sending me a copy of this report.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.