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The Texas Company
Potential Lead Poisoning Case

Mr. C. W. Crowley, Operations Manager of the Texas Company, called to say that he had received a medical report on a Mr. [REDACTED], an employee of their company who lives at 770 California Street, in San Francisco, California. Mr. [REDACTED] was reported to have lead poisoning. Mr. Crowley stated that his subordinates reported that they had occasionally received such reports in the past.

Mr. [REDACTED] has been attended by Dr. B. A. Krebs, 642 Cappa Street, San Francisco, California. Apparently Dr. Krebs is Mr. James' personal physician, and has no connection with the Texas Company. The report showed the following:

1. Gums blue and swollen.
2. Strong metal taste always in the mouth.
3. Continually tired; spent many week ends in bed. Often so exhausted at the end of a day's work that he took a nap in the car before attempting to drive home.
4. Indigestion, and continued dull feeling.
5. Face always flushed, but no surface skin irritation.
6. Daily headaches.

The laboratory report showed the following:

1. Hemoglobin 15.5 grams 109%.
2. Erythrocytes 5,440,000 per CMM.
3. Color Index 1.00.
4. Leukocytes 9,200.
5. Neutrophils 76%.
6. Blood tested for basophilic aggregates 7.5%.
7. Urine lead concentration 0.05 mg. per liter.
Normal range less than 0.08 mg. per liter.

I talked with Dr. Doty and gave him the above information. Dr. Doty reported that from this information indications were that there was no symptoms of lead poisoning.

I informed Mr. Crowley that in any case like this we would be glad to give him any assistance we could, and that we did not like to ever see a report of lead poisoning on their records; particularly if there was a miss diagnosis. The arrangements with Mr. Crowley were that he was to take this case up with their medical representative in San Francisco. If our company or Dr. Doty could be of any assistance to their medical representative, we would appreciate very much being called in.

Yours very truly,