

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT K-55

December 24, 1946

Mr. W. C. Hazard
Industrial Relations Division
Owens-Illinois Glass Company
Toledo 1, Ohio

Plaintiff's Exhibit 2

Dear Bill:

One of my present chores is to bring together into a single focus a great many things that were beautifully coordinated in Roy Gardner's head, but were not known in detail to others here. One of these is the situation relative to the animal experimentation of K-Lo which we have been carrying on for your company. This was brought to a head when one of our men told me this morning that we had only a ten days' supply of K-Lo dust on hand, his understanding being that the animal work was to continue for some time.

The most recent correspondence on this subject which I can find in the files is a letter written by Roy on May 13 last, to Mr. U. E. Bowes in which he says that he believes "we should continue these observations for at least another year so that we may say with assurance that K-Lo is or is not harmless". There is no indication of a reply to this letter so I imagine that the subject was discussed by telephone or verbally at some meeting.

Another of our men tells me that he was told some time ago that your company is no longer producing K-Lo in this form and that there is therefore no point in continuing the animal work with it. I of course do not know whether Roy had in mind keeping our present batch of exposed animals (about 25) alive for a time and then sacrificing them to see whether there has been a further spread of tuberculous infection.

In order that we may know your company's attitude on this investigation, I would greatly appreciate your setting me straight on the above, so that whatever steps are proper may be taken.

Since I am writing you, it is perhaps worth-while to ask whether anything further has transpired with regard to the situation at your Pacific Coast plant, about which you wrote to Roy on August 21, and he replied on the 23rd. This sounds like a subject for a most interesting minor experiment.

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I understand that you and Dr. Shook are coming here in January. I am looking forward with no little pleasure to seeing you again and to getting to know Dr. Shook.

Best Wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Manfred Bowditch
Field Director

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cc: Dr. Packard
Mr. Delahunt

1/2 AB Auction box of K-Co found in attic

See 1946 file