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Dear Doctor Hursh:

I am pleased to send you under separate cover a series of reprints which I trust may be of some help to you. I cannot send you all of the material which I talked about, since some of it is not available in reprint form. However, I think the material will cover the matters talked about fairly satisfactorily.

In the matter of lawyers qualified for the trial of lead cases, I have not found that I can give you any helpful suggestions so far as the eastern states are concerned. When I spoke to you of one or two competent men I have met, I was thinking of a firm of attorneys in Baton Rouge and two or three other that I have met in southern states in litigation. I doubt if these would be useful to you, but I can give them to you if you wish. Frankly, I think your case, generally, would be in better hands for local purposes, if you were to make use of a man who is rather well known in the area involved. The problem is not so much that of being well informed at the start, but rather that of making one's self well informed before undertaking to handle a case. I have been impressed by the fact that a number of men have learned very quickly what they have needed to know. Such men are able to put incompetent expert witnesses at a great disadvantage, while extracting from others all the information they wish to present. I should certainly think that there must be competent firms of attorneys in Philadelphia, with men experienced in the trial of cases of this sort, who are prepared to concentrate on the problem and to acquire the information necessary. The latter becomes primarily a matter of knowing the sources. I believe it is fair to say that the best way to handle this is to start out with a competent attorney and to carefully instruct him, by providing him with satisfactory literature, and then by discussing the problem with him in considerable detail. A sound and capable trial lawyer, instructed in this fashion, ought to be able to handle the job very satisfactorily. Such success as I have seen in cases of this sort have been the result of this procedure. An attorney who is willing and anxious to learn can pick up what he needs in a fairly short period of time. If you should come across a situation in which it might be useful to you, I would suggest the possibility that your man might spend a day or two here going over certain matters with me. Certainly in the interest of just handling of such cases I would be entirely willing to devote some effort to

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the straightening out of some of the intricacies of the lead problem.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Reprints under separate cover.

An Appraisal of the Lead Hazards Associated with the Distribution
and Use of Gasoline Containing Tetraethyl Lead. II The Occupational
Lead Exposure of Filling Station Attendants and Garage Mechanics. -
Kehoe, Thamann and Cholak

Experimental Studies on the Ingestion of Lead Compounds - Kehoe, Cholak,
Hubbard, Bambach, McNary and Story

Lead Absorption and Lead Poisoning - Kehoe

The Plasma-Cell Partition of Blood Lead - Bambach, Kehoe and Logan

Lead Poisoning Symposium

Influence of Dithiopropanol (BAL) on Human Lead Metabolism - Ryder,
Cholak and Kehoe

Exposure to Lead - Kehoe

Safe Occupational Lead Exposure - Kehoe