

July 29, 1937

Mr. H. R. Berg
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
1917 Buchanan Street
North Kansas City
Missouri

Dear Mr. Berg:

I have your letter with its enclosures concerning the case of Mr. [REDACTED] an employee of the National Refining Company at Coffeyville, Kansas.

In view of the information given, together with that contained in your exchange of telegrams, it seems highly inadvisable for us to take any direct action at this time which would tend to indicate any suspicion on our part that the illness could properly be attributed to lead absorption. It seems rather clear to me that lead absorption is in no way responsible for his illness.

It appears that there is a difference in the point of view of the two doctors who have seen Mr. [REDACTED], and from the information given about Dr. Fortner's opinion, I doubt very much if any evidences of lead absorption were found. The statement that the doctor advised "a series of shots" for the treatment of the disease seems rather incompatible with the diagnosis of lead poisoning. Therefore I should advise you to ask the National Refining Company to make further investigation of the facts on their own initiative, obtaining such information from the physicians as will enable them to pass along to us something better than pure hearsay information. With such information we shall then be able to decide whether there is any point in our looking into the matter further.

Very truly yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

cc Mr. Lewis

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