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Dear Mr. Turner:

During the past several months representatives of your Company and of the Kettering Laboratory in Cincinnati, Ohio, have discussed with me and other individuals in my office the prospective use of antiknock compounds containing tetramethyl lead. They have informed me that available data indicate that such compounds can be safely made, distributed and used providing the precautions followed for many years in connection with compounds containing tetraethyl lead are observed. They have further informed me that certain suppliers of antiknock compound propose to manufacture and sell compounds containing tetramethyl lead and that certain refiners would like to use them because their use provides certain technical and economic advantages over compounds containing tetraethyl lead.

On the basis of our discussions I see no objection to the introduction of antiknock compounds containing tetramethyl lead if the industry should decide that their use is advantageous and that they can safely be made and handled. My statement, however, should not be interpreted as formal approval of such compounds nor as a Regulation of the Public Health Service nor as an agreement between the Public Health Service and industry.

Yours very truly,

*Draft of letter by Mr. Wenzel, representative
Kettering Laboratory, which sets forth conditions and is
covered by the USPHS. I am to obtain
something similar to this addressed to me
(as emergency for the industry). If the industry does
not to address itself to the public directly.*

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1) What name given for TML in gasoline and the label 20 February 1960

2) A. J. Wenzel, representative

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