

March 22, 1940

Confidential

Mr. J. A. Costello
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
Rhodes-Haverty Building
Peachtree-Forsyth-Williams Streets
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Costello:

I am sending to you herewith the original and two copies of a report which is designed for the information of yourself, the Orange State Oil Company and, perhaps, the insurance company. I shall take care of reporting the facts in a slightly different manner to the doctors in Jacksonville, but I have promised to report directly to Mr. Van Brunt of the Orange State Oil Company. This, I believe, will serve his purposes.

You will note that I have written on a separate sheet, which is not to be incorporated in the general report, a statement as to the deficiencies of the Orange State representatives in the matter of their failure to cooperate with us. I have deliberately left this out of the body of the report for the reason that I did not want to put myself on record in the report in demonstration of their negligence. Naturally I want them to see this sheet but I want you to be very cautious in holding that sheet so that it will not get into the hands of any person for whom it was not intended. I do not want to conceal the facts but, on the other hand, I do not want to be responsible, as a matter of record, for proving them guilty of criminal negligence.

In order that you and they might be quite sure of my position, I want you to know that I am not sending a copy of this material to anyone except yourself, and I do this with the idea that you will deliver it into their hands and will exercise your own discretion as to how to proceed from that point on.

Let me conclude by thanking you and Mr. Phipps for the completeness of the reports to me since by means of them I have been able to piece together all of the facts, and to make a comprehensive statement of the situation.

Cordially yours,

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Robert A. Kohoe, M.D.

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