

March 13, 1931

Dr. C. M. Aves,
Humble Oil and Refining Co.,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Dr. Aves:

I have your letter of March 9 referring to the illness of Mr. [REDACTED]. Since this may very well be a serious matter, I should wish for the earliest opportunity to have one of my assistants see and examine Mr. [REDACTED] and come to some conclusion as to the cause of his condition. I should be much pleased therefore, if you would let me have as full information as is possible at the earliest possible time, and if you will let me know what arrangements can be made to see and examine him.

The symptoms which you describe are in no way characteristic of tetraethyl lead poisoning. Even the severest cases have not been complicated by kidney conditions, whereas the apparent complete absence of central nervous system symptoms, if indeed they shall be seen to be absent, would entirely exclude tetraethyl lead poisoning. However, this does not detract from the importance of the case since an incorrectly diagnosed condition could be just as troublesome as one substantiated by typical symptoms and signs.

I appreciate very much your letting me know about this at once, and I wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation in having this case run down.

Very truly yours,

RAK:EJ