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CHIEF OF MEDICAL SERVICE

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My dear Bob:

Some time ago I asked our Baltimore Yard to refer to you the case of [REDACTED] who, from all reports, has a duodenal ulcer and which his brother, Dr. Nossinger of Roanoke, Va., claims was due to an exposure of lead.

I am writing you to tell you that if there are any further facts on this case which have not been given you, I would like to know and see that they are supplied.

I have also read Dr. Nossinger's comments on your letter to the Commission and I can't for the life of me see how an "inactive duodenal ulcer" could be affected by so short an exposure, if at all, by lead, zinc, or anything else, unless the man had some other cause as a factor.

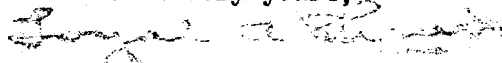
I do not think that Dr. Nossinger can find in all the literature where lead fumes could cause an activation of an ulcer and, frankly, I do not believe that the man suffered from any lead poisoning in so short a time as his exposure on this particular job and also in view of the fact that he wore an approved respirator while on this job.

As I said, I reviewed your report and I do not see how Dr. Nossinger can draw the conclusions which he does after he read your letter.

I have tried to keep out of this as much as I could because we wanted to be 100% fair with the man. On the other hand, we do not want anything like this to go on record when I conscientiously believe that there is absolutely no connecting link between the man's alleged exposure and his condition.

I wish you would keep this letter confidential, Bob, and I certainly will appreciate it. Hoping to see you in Rochester, beg to remain

Sincerely yours,



Chief of Medical Service.

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P.S. I should also like to know from Dr. Nossinger his authority for the

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statement in which he claims that so short an exposure, or any exposure, could aggravate a duodenal ulcer.

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