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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

For your information in advance of the further interview about your recollections and impressions of Mr. Kettering, which I hope you will be able to give as requested in my letter of September 30, I am enclosing a copy of an outline prepared in anticipation of such an interview. This is merely a provisional draft, of course. It will serve to give you an idea of what we have in mind, but it can be modified or changed completely to fit whatever you may wish to contribute.

When I get down to Dayton I will try to call you to learn whether I may visit with you and, if so, just when it will be convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

T. A. Boyd

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For interview with Dr. Robert A. Kehoe:

INTRODUCTION

This is an interview with Dr. Robert A. Kehoe about his recollections and impressions of Mr. Charles F. Kettering. Dr. Kehoe is director of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Industrial Health, University of Cincinnati, and director of the Kettering Laboratory and of the Institute of Industrial Health at that university, as well as Medical Director of Ethyl Corporation. He has had many associations with Mr. Kettering beginning in 1924. The interview was recorded on October , 1960, by T. A. Boyd.

INTERVIEW

Dr. Kehoe, you kindly gave me in 1948 an account of your associations with Mr. Kettering, of how in the summer of 1924 you were called to the then General Motors Chemical Company at Dayton to look into a critical health situation which had developed there in the handling of concentrated tetraethyl lead, and something of the events and the investigations which followed and resulted in provisions by which tetraethyl lead as an antiknock agent in gasoline could be used without any hazard to health. This interview is intended as an extension of that one 12 years later in which you may speak further of any of the subjects discussed then or of anything else that may be in your mind. How would you like to begin?

In what you did to throw practical safeguards around the use of tetraethyl lead in gasoline you made it possible for one of Mr. Kettering's major developments, and one which had huge economic importance, to fulfill its purpose. Is there anything about your experiences in that endeavor that you would like to record?

In what few suggestions I have made, I have perhaps overlooked areas of particular importance and interest. So won't you please recount whatever else of your recollections and impressions of Mr. Kettering that you think would be of interest?

CLOSURE

This ends the interview with Dr. Robert A. Kehoe. His address is College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, Eden Avenue, Cincinnati 19, Ohio.

Dr. Kehoe, do you have anything--photographs, records, or material of any kind--that you would like to contribute to the Kettering Archives?

Or do you know of any other special sources that ought to be investigated?

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