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Dr. W. F. Machle
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Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Machle:

In Mr. Webb's absence, we have received a letter addressed to him from Edwin S. Hall, vice-president and counsel of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, which reads as follows:

"Rumor has come to me that [REDACTED] an Esso Dealer near the Junction at Highways 31 and 24 at Chester, N.J., has consulted Dr. Albert Van Sickle of Chester, N.J. concerning his health. Rumor further tells me that Dr. Van Sickle definitely suspects [REDACTED] is suffering from lead poisoning due to contact with gasoline containing tetra-ethyl lead. I am wondering if your medical consultants follow the practice of studying situations of this sort which come to their attention in the hope that by so doing litigation will be prevented."

Mr. Hall is not personally acquainted with either Dr. Van Sickle or Mr. [REDACTED], but is of the opinion that Van Sickle is a typical and reliable small-town doctor with whom it would be all right to discuss the case, if you wish to do so.

Very truly yours,

