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Wilmington 98, Delaware**

**Organic Chemicals Department**

**February 20, 1956**

**Mr. E. L. Shea, President  
Ethyl Corporation  
100 Park Avenue  
New York, N. Y.**

**Dear Mr. Shea:**

During the past year in Los Angeles County, a man named Chandler Phillips, an ex-Shell Oil employee, has been gaining in stature as a "rabble rouser" against automotive exhaust as the prime source of smog. He places great emphasis on TEL and lead products as health hazards. During the year, the caliber of his audiences has increased from local Glendale groups to rather influential service clubs throughout the county.

Exhibit A is a resume of one of Phillips' talks before a Kiwanis luncheon.

Exhibit B contains representative press notices Phillips has received.

Exhibit C is a press rebuttal of Phillips' claims by the Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control Officer.

In November, while our Mr. D. H. Conklin was on the West Coast, Shell Oil's Eastern Vice President and Western Manager of Public Relations asked to discuss Chandler's activities with him. They outlined his growing stature and stated they had no one on the West Coast who could answer Phillips' TEL allegations. We agreed to make Dr. S. L. Rankin, Medical Advisor to the Petroleum Chemicals Division, available for discussion on his next trip to the Coast, scheduled for middle January.

Between November and middle January, the scope of Dr. Rankin's visit was increased by the Shell people to include visits to the Air Pollution Foundation, Western Oil & Gas Association, Los Angeles County Medical Society, State Department of Public Health, and Public Health Committee of the State Legislature.

A copy of the report covering Dr. Rankin's visit is attached as Exhibit D.

A copy of a transcript of a television broadcast referring to recent activities of Mr. Chandler Phillips is attached as Exhibit E.

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It seems to me that the TEL industry should not permit the unfounded and inaccurate statements by Mr. Chandler Phillips to go unchallenged. It is our feeling that competent and proper authorities in California should be given complete and factual information on TEL and other lead compounds in the atmosphere. The possibility of a widespread acceptance of the inaccurate statements being recklessly thrown about by Phillips resulting in adverse legislations toward TEL, represents in our opinion, quite a threat.

We have concluded that the most accurate and meaningful information which could be supplied to the proper authorities in California for such release as they might want to make of them could be supplied by Dr. Kehoe of the Kettering Laboratories as the best qualified man in the country on this subject. We have concluded that the best approach to the problem would be to discuss the matter with Dr. Kehoe to determine if he has adequate and factual information which would disprove the statements by Mr. Phillips. If he has such data and if there is not objection to his release of same, it would be our idea to discuss the matter again with the proper group in Southern California to determine how they would like such data presented and to ask them to contact Dr. Kehoe directly and to make necessary arrangements with him with the understanding that we would by contribution to the California group, provide the funds to cover any expenses or fees involved.

Noting a reference to a statement in the attached that the California group had contacted the Ethyl Corporation on this matter, we first wanted to be sure that any idea which we were promoting was not in conflict with some action you had under consideration. The idea has been advanced that this really is an industry matter and consequently that the two members of the industry might want to participate in whatever action is taken. The Ethyl Corporation participation in the development of data, etc., may already be of a considerable order-of-magnitude and if so, we are quite ready to assume this further responsibility as outlined.

I would appreciate very much your comments on this matter and in due time, the return of the attached file.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. F. Daley

J. F. DALEY  
GENERAL MANAGER

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