

July 29, 1937

Mr. H. R. Berg
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
1917 Buchanan Street
North Kansas City
Missouri

Dear Mr. Berg:

I have your letter with its
enclosures concerning the case of Mr. [REDACTED]
an employee of the National Refining Company at
Coffeyville, Kansas.

In view of the information
given, together with that contained in your exchange
of telegrams, it seems highly inadvisable for us to
take any direct action at this time which would tend
to indicate any suspicion on our part that the ill-
ness could properly be attributed to lead absorption.
It seems rather clear to me that lead absorption is
in no way responsible for his illness.

It appears that there is a
difference in the point of view of the two doctors
who have seen Mr. [REDACTED], and from the information
given about Dr. Fortner's opinion, I doubt very much
if any evidences of lead absorption were found.
The statement that the doctor advised "a series of
shots" for the treatment of the disease seems rather
incompatible with the diagnosis of lead poisoning.
Therefore I should advise you to ask the National
Refining Company to make further investigation of the
facts on their own initiative, obtaining such infor-
mation from the physicians as will enable them to pass
along to us something better than pure hearsay infor-
mation. With such information we shall then be able
to decide whether there is any point in our looking
into the matter further.

Very truly yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

cc Mr. Lewis