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Dear Henry:

Your letter of August 23 concerning the agreement of the Surgeon General with the manufacturers of tetraethyl lead came during my vacation and, therefore, it did not receive the prompt response which it deserved in view of its timeliness. I am glad that you have written to me about it before initiating any action elsewhere.

There are a number of matters in this relationship which I'd like to bring to your attention before anything further is done, and I should hope that there might be time for a discussion with you at the time of the meeting of the Advisory Committee. If you can so arrange, I'll make every effort to meet your convenience.

In this connection, I have had several statements and questions directed to me lately which I am unable to confirm or answer, as the case may be. These have to do with the adoption of regulations or laws by the several states. It has been my impression that there were (and are) no laws or regulations in any of the states whereby the concentration of TEL in gasoline is regulated. In fact, I know of no laws or regulations on any aspect of the business, as it concerns TEL. It is possible that California has spelled out something in its code, for this state has dealt with many aspects of the petroleum industry in detail. However, I doubt that it has dealt with this aspect of the matter. I can set in motion an inquiry, but it occurs to me that you may well have such information at hand. If this is the case, I should be grateful for any information which you can give me.

Sincerely yours,

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