

September 26, 1960

Edward H. Dew, M. D.  
5102 North Main Street  
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr. Dew:

I visited Mr. John Comacho in Little York Hospital at noon on September 20, 1960, to establish whether he had absorbed a significant amount of organic lead (tetraethyl lead) and to offer advice in the management of any toxicity problems that might be present.

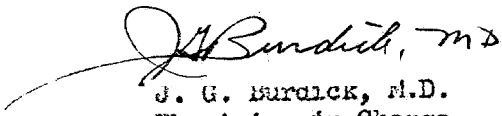
Clinically, I felt he had sustained a temporary anesthesia subsequent to the inhalation of petroleum hydrocarbons and that he probably had not absorbed a hazardous amount of lead. I took urine and blood samples for quantitative determination of lead content and advised you to keep him under observation at the hospital at least 24 hours.

The laboratory reported the following values:

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| Urine | 0.08 mgm Pb per liter    |
| Blood | 0.03 mgm Pb per 100 m.l. |

These laboratory values are what might be expected in any normal healthy adult, so we can safely conclude that Mr. Comacho did not absorb a significant quantity of lead.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. G. Burdick, M.D.  
Physician in Charge

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bcc: Mr. Hendrick  
Dr. Kitzmiller

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