

October 25, 1940

Dr. Albert Van Sickle
Chester, New Jersey

Dear Doctor Van Sickle:

It has indirectly been brought to our attention through the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation, that a patient of yours, Mr. [REDACTED], reputedly has lead intoxication from contact with leaded gasoline and I am writing you to ask if you will not be so kind as to let us have some of the facts on the case.

For a number of years we have interested ourselves at this laboratory in the hygienic problems associated with the distribution of leaded gasoline and in connection with this, have made it a point to investigate any cases of suspected lead poisoning arising from the commercial use of leaded fuel. To date we have found no experimental or clinical evidence that leaded gasoline, as it is ordinarily handled in commerce, will cause lead poisoning or even measurable increases in lead absorption of people who handle it daily. We are therefore very much interested in the reports on these cases when they do arise, particularly since through our arrangements with the Surgeon General of the United States, we investigate these cases where indicated and report our findings to him.

We would appreciate very much hearing from you about this man.

Very truly yours,

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