

April 6, 1948

Dr. G. H. Gehrman,
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Du Pont Building,
Wilmington 98, Delaware.

Dear Gehrman:

Dr. Savage was in to see me some days ago, and we talked about their problem of the exposure of certain of their men to inorganic mercury. I pointed out to him the difficulties associated with the interpretation of analytical data on the urine and/or blood of exposed workmen. He, like others, is very much concerned to have some means of measuring the hazard to which men are exposed, and I gathered that he was planning to see you, and would talk over his problem with you. All of this adds up to the same thing that we talked about at the time of my last visit, and I sincerely hope that we can get together a fund which will enable us to investigate this problem so as to determine whether any answer can be arrived at. I bring the matter up not so much as a reminder, as to indicate that the problem occurs over and over again. I also want to report that I talked to Dr. Cranch, who has retired from the medical directorship of Carbide and Carbon, but who is still somewhat active. He referred to this problem without any solicitation from me, and I believe that we may be able to find some financial support from that source. In any case, any appropriation which your people might be willing to make for the purpose of this investigation will be augmented by funds from other sources, and your people can rest assured that I will make every effort to see to it that they do not bear the lion's share of the expense. I hope that something can be done soon, however, as we have the equipment set up to carry on this work and I should hate to see it preempted by some other experimental program. We shall carry on on a small scale, just so as not to lose too much time, but we shall not be able to go very much farther without the assurance of additional financial support.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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