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Dear Dan:

In response to your request for information for the U.S. Military services concerning the extent of the clearance obtained for the use of gasoline containing tetramethyl lead, I am pleased to let you know what has been done.

In the period between June 3 and June 11, 1960, representatives of The Associated Ethyl Company, Limited (London), with whom I had consulted, visited Brussels, Copenhagen and Oslo and discussed the problem with the hygienic authorities of Belgium, Denmark and Norway, and gave them the information derived from the investigations carried out by the staff of the Kettering Laboratory. The reaction of the authorities to these discussions and to the information supplied, was in all respects, satisfactory.

(The foregoing trip was made before my arrival in Europe for the reason that my schedule could not be stretched to include visits to these countries, within the available time. Moreover it was thought that there would be no controversy about the facts or their meaning in any of these countries.)

Within the period beginning on June 14 and ending on July 5, I visited the following countries in sequence, with representatives of Associated Ethyl Company, and met with the appropriate authorities or their official advisors in each country; Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Finland and Holland. At the end of this trip, the authorities in England were interviewed.

Of the eight countries mentioned, only France and Switzerland will find it necessary to make formal or official changes in laws or regulations to permit the use of tetramethyl lead along with, or instead of, tetraethyl lead. No formal action of any kind is required in the other countries, and no adverse opinion is likely to bring about any unfavorable action. The authorities, without exception, including those of France and Switzerland, were pleased to have been informed of the problem and of

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its apparent experimental solution, and in no instance was any difficulty anticipated. In the two countries of France and Switzerland in which formal action is required, it is evident that such formal action must go through the usual channels at the usual tempo. It is expected that this will require some weeks in France, while it is entirely possible and even likely, that some months will have passed before appropriate action shall have been taken in Switzerland.

It is expected that the introduction of gasoline containing tetramethyl lead by any of the commercial distributors within such country, will be preceded by a notification of the appropriate officials of this intention.

I believe this conveys the information which you require. If any questions arise out of this situation, I shall be glad to know of them and to answer them as fully as I can.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

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