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GENERAL MEDICAL DIRECTOR

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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
University of Cincinnati
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Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Kehoe:

I have been requested to advise our Legal Department with reference to the medical aspects of the claim of an individual who is suing the Company for \$250,000, claiming permanent damage to his eyes because of ESSO splashing into them.

During the past five or six years we have had perhaps a dozen complaints from people who in one way or another had gotten ESSO into their eyes or onto their skins and as a result have claimed pain and disability. I have always maintained that the same situation would have arisen had they splashed plain gasoline into their eyes or onto their skins and that the amount of lead in the gasoline was not a factor. You must have had a good many similar claims to pass upon during these years. I wonder if you would mind telling me something about them and also include in your letter a bibliography of anything that has been written upon the subject by physicians not associated with the Company. I don't know whether there has been anything of this sort written. At any rate if there has I have not run across it.

It may be possible that the Legal Department would wish to ask you to testify for the Company. If so, I wonder whether you would be available.

It has been a long time since you have dropped in to see us and I hope that on your next visit to New York you will do so. With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,


General Medical Director.

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