

February 8, 1943

Mr. Harry Kaley,
Ethyl Corporation,
Chrysler Building,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kaley:

I am attaching some further correspondence between Dr. Thole and Dr. Kehoe, which supplements my air mail letter of this morning.

Very truly yours,

E. R. Fortlage, Secretary to
Dr. Kehoe.

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Dr. F. B. Thole,
Technical Adviser to the
Office of the British Petroleum Representative,
Box 680, Benjamin Franklin Station,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Thole:

Thanks for your letter of February 4. I shall do what I can to advise Mr. Bevan as to what may be done by way of precautionary measures.

I wish to correct one point in your comments on the dangers involved in handling leaded gasoline. Despite what has been implied in the generally promulgated regulations for handling leaded gasoline, there is no practical hazard of lead absorption involved in having such gasoline (containing only the normal concentrations in commercial and military aviation fuels) in contact with the skin. The base gasoline is somewhat injurious to the skin and may produce burns and dermatitis, but the lead absorption is so slight as not to be measurable over quite long periods of time. One need not anticipate any difficulty from this source.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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