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NORTH KANSAS CITY, Mo.

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August 14, 1937

Dr. R. A. Kehoe
Kettering Laboratory of Applied Physiology
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

As a result of your letter of July 29th concerning the case of Mr. Howard Soles, employee of the National Refining Company, Coffeyville, Kansas, I called Mr. H. B. Setzler, refinery superintendent at that point, and requested that he furnish us with more detailed information. His report has now been received, copy of which is attached.

As previously advised, we shall do nothing about the matter unless requested by you.

Very truly yours,

H. R. Berg.

B/a

cc- Mr. O. B. Lewis

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THE NATIONAL REFINING COMPANY

PETROLEUM AND ITS PRODUCTS

COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS

August 5, 1937

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Mr. H. R. Berg
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
1917 Buchanan Street
North Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Please note the memorandum from Mr. J. B. Gillam, Assistant Superintendent, regarding the [REDACTED] case. This memorandum I believe, is self-explanatory.

"I talked this morning with Dr. C. H. Fortner in his office.

The opening of this case with Doctors Fortner and Craig was a call from [REDACTED] to Dr. Fortner, who, being unable to attend, turned it over to Dr. Craig. [REDACTED] reported hemorrhage with vomiting and being in considerable pain. Dr. Craig did not call but prescribed over the phone with instructions for [REDACTED] to call next day at his office.

The tentative diagnosis indicated a disturbance in the stomach or alimentary tract - the hemorrhage definitely not coming from the lungs and coupled with the vomiting, pain, etc. So an Xray was taken and it showed a definite dark spot on the stomach. An operation was thought the advisable and progressive thing to do.

However, this course was not taken or permitted but still Soles required relief and naturally different possible courses were considered. When [REDACTED] informed Dr. Fortner that while his regular work did not bring him in contact with lead or lead fumes, yet at times, he did go over "there" or was shunted "over there" and that the fumes were "pretty strong". Dr. Fortner thought a course of shots might prove beneficial.

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His treatment consisted of four shots of Sodium Theosulphate intravenously given and improvement followed. [REDACTED] stated to Dr. Fortner that after each shot, he felt definitely improved - and (later) he was released for work, commencing Monday August 2, 1937.

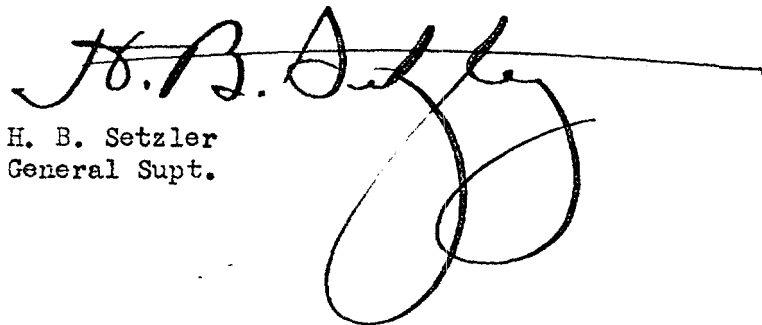
Dr. Fortner said he did not diagnose this as lead poisoning but thought after [REDACTED] statement about the lead fumes, it was thought such a treatment might give relief and, too - it would leave [REDACTED] with the thought they were constructively trying to help rather than to force an unwanted operation and as relief and improvement followed, no other course was taken. The above treatment is not merely for lead - it is given for any form of metallic absorption.

Dr. Fortner believes [REDACTED] has an ulcerous condition - if not really tending to carcinoma, possibly even to malignancy. He thinks an exploratory operation advisable and detailed to me somewhat the procedure that might be necessary. He believes Soles' condition is serious even if temporarily relieved."

May I have your reaction to this memorandum?

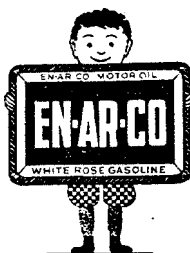
Yours very truly

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H. B. Setzler
General Supt.

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August 2, 1937

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Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
1917 Buchanan Street
North Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

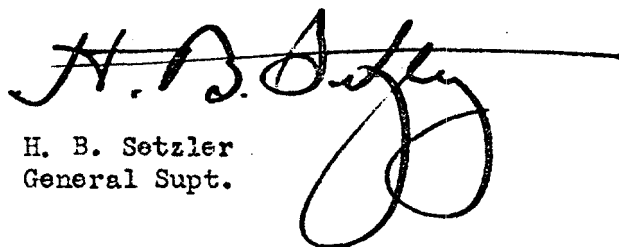
This refers to exchange of telegrams regarding Mr. [REDACTED] who has charge of pumping casinghead gasoline at [REDACTED] rack, and who became ill July 1.

Dr. Fortner made a diagnosis of [REDACTED] condition and told him he thought his illness was [REDACTED] and contained in the gasoline.

We have had no report from you as to what you are going to do. We think [REDACTED] ought to be examined by your physician to find out where we stand in this matter.

May we hear from you?

Yours very truly
THE NATIONAL REFINING COMPANY


H. B. Setzler
General Supt.

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