

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

SLER BUILDING
ST. 42ND STREET

NEW YORK August 11, 1932.

INTER-OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Under date of July 15th, Mr. W. V. Hartmann, Vice President of Gulf Refining, addressed us a letter enclosing copy of a report from their agent, Mr. A. L. Henry at Fairmont, West Virginia, with regard to an alleged case of lead poisoning. This was duly referred to Harry Mack who had one of his men, Mr. W. A. Newman, investigate the matter, and Newman now reports as follows:

"In reply to your letter of July 21st, wish to advise that Mr. [REDACTED] of Fairmont, W. Va. contracted his lead poisoning while working as a painter and his doctor, Dr. Paul Yost, has advised him that unless he stays away from Ethyl Gasoline he will be unable to cure him successfully as the lead in Ethyl Gasoline seems to agitate the broken blister condition on his arms and face. On the advice of Mr. A. L. Henry, representative of Gulf Ref. Co., Fairmont, W. Va. I have interviewed Mr. [REDACTED] on the subject of national advertising as a leader in order to get his lead poisoning story. The reason for this procedure was that Mr. Henry advised that Mr. [REDACTED] would not stop at anything if he thought that the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation was interested in his case. Mr. Henry is under the impression that this Mr. [REDACTED] worked for them about eight years ago and that one of our doctors from Wilmington, Del. treated him while working for Patton & Henry Co., now Gulf Ref. Co. Mr. [REDACTED] states he is getting well fast and that the swelling has gone down in all parts of his body, excepting the arm muscles into which a solution is being injected by Dr. Yost. Mr. [REDACTED] is sleeping well, has a good appetite, and is gaining weight steadily. Mr. Henry is the only gentleman in this whole case who knows I am connected with the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation and he stated he would not reveal my identity. After interviewing all parties, it is my advice that one of our doctors get in touch with Dr. Yost for further medical records.

"It has been reported to me by the Elk Refining Co. that their dismissed employee, Frank Tackett of Logan, W. Va. is making the statement that Dr. Davis has been treating him for lead poisoning which he contracted while cleaning Elk Ethyl visibles on a hot day. After interviewing Dr. Davis at Logan, W. Va. I find that Dr. Davis did not make such a statement and that Frank Tackett only had a sore throat and a high fever when he called at Dr. Davis' office for treatment. The term "lead poisoning" was never discussed or mentioned by Dr. Davis."

I doubt if it would be advisable to initiate any contact with Dr. Paul Yost but I do think that you might write Mr. Hartman of Gulf a letter explaining the situation, in order that their files on this subject might be complete. Will

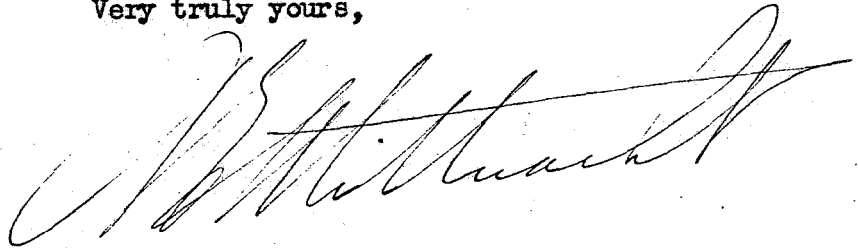
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you please send me a copy of this letter, if you decide to write it to Mr. Hartmann.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. B. Hartmann". The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the page.

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