

July 19, 1940

Mr. Hugh Fossett
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The Adelphi
London, W. C. 2
England

Dear Mr. Fossett:

Quite some time ago I received your letter with respect to the request of the Distillers Company for a supply of tetraethyl lead for carrying on some work, the nature of which is not disclosed. As a matter of principle, I can see no objection to supplying tetraethyl lead to competent technical people who will make proper use of it under adequate conditions of safety. It is quite clear that if they are not able to obtain it from one source, they will from another. There is, therefore, no reason why your company should not supply such material for legitimate use.

As to the precautions which should be taken and as to the manner of handling the tetraethyl lead, you should be in better position than I to prescribe. I have a copy of Calingaert's letter of April 29th which has indicated his point of view, and it would seem that he had made certain useful suggestions. This, I believe, leaves the matter in proper state for you to go ahead if and when it seems desirable to do so.

Very truly yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.