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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

CHRYSLER BUILDING
135 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK April 17, 1931.

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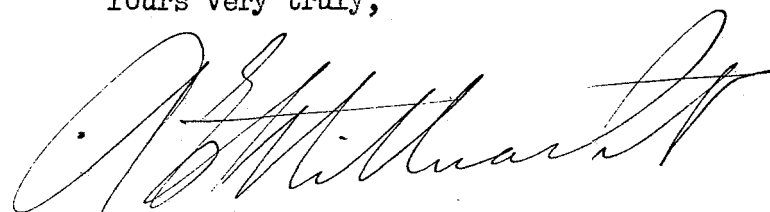
Dr. R. A. Kehoe,

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Attached hereto is copy of letter from Mr.
A. R. Newton, Jr. of Sterling Oil Company, together with
copy of my today's reply.

I would appreciate it if you would please
send us copy of your letter to him in order to complete
our files.

Yours very truly,



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STERLING OIL COMPANY

Emilonton, Pa.

April 16, 1931.

Ethyl Gasoline Corporation,
Chrysler Building,
New York City.

Gentlemen: MR. A. E. MITTNACHT

It is becoming increasingly important that we make full and accurate use of the knock engine which we purchased from you recently. We realize fully that your rigid instructions regarding the careful handling of the concentrated tetraethyl lead are to be carried out to the letter, but in the preparation of material for testing and in the actual testing operation our operator claims that he cannot avoid inhaling to some degree the fumes from the fluid. He is most conscientious and reliable in all of his work, yet the danger involved, or rather described as attending the open handling of this fluid has been so stressed that he has a genuine fear regarding his health.

We are not possessed of technical knowledge that would place us in position to tell and assure him that his fear is unfounded and is only the result of his imagination. We cannot determine to what extent there is inhalation of fumes, nor do we know what vital danger, if any, may result. Just at this time a burette was broken and of course the conditions described were aggravated. Altogether the operator's present state of mind and nerves is such as to interfere with his otherwise careful and accurate testing.

We do not intend to, nor do we want to lessen one bit our care in handling this fluid, but the thought occurs that you can help us in this problem by a frank word as to whether or not continued operation under the present condition involves real and vital danger to the operator. Naturally we shall respect your opinion as entirely and technically authentic but you will understand that both we and our operator would rather know the actual facts.

We thank you for your good cooperation in prompt reply.

Very truly yours,

STERLING OIL COMPANY

BY A. R. NEWTON, JR. (S)

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