

November 13, 1948

Dr. Morley Morgana,
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Dear Doctor Morgana:

Thanks very much for your letter of November 9 with its additional useful information.

We shall be pleased to report our observations on the skin absorption of tetraethyl lead added to the "Vitol" mixture when the results are available. Because of the large number of analyses required, it will be some time before we shall be able to report.

I shall take you at your word and forward to Mr. Van Hartesveldt copies of LTL48-50 and the pertinent portions of your Monthly Research Memoranda 48-8 and 48-10. I shall also refer to certain of your other observations in my comments to Mr. Van Hartesveldt.

I am not sure whether there is any reason why pure alcohol could not be used in the mixture, but I shall certainly raise the question.

I sympathize completely with your feeling about the extensive work which would be required to simulate the conditions which would be associated with the practical handling of the "Vitol" solution. I have made certain suggestions to Mr. Van Hartesveldt for their conduct of observations along this line. At a later time I shall bring their results to your attention, and I may suggest for your consideration the possibility of your checking certain of their observations. I recognize fully that it is not your function to do the technical work for Mr. Van Hartesveldt and his associates. On the other hand, I am put to the necessity of giving them sound advice, for their own protection and also for the protection of the entire industry. If I am to do this, it is necessary that I have information which is entirely trustworthy, and I may feel that there would be some wisdom in your further collaboration in experimental work. Obviously any decision which you arrive at on the basis of any suggestion of mine, will have to be determined by your own viewpoints and policies.

Cordially yours,

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