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5 March 1947

Dr. Robert A. Nehoe
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Dear Bob:

Herewith copy of letter on lead case reported to us.

The Zurich Insurance Company is contesting. We are
now attempting to locate the patient to arrange for examination.
Fuller report will follow.

Sincerely,

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Dr. Willard Machle ADDRESS New York

FROM: A. J. Baldwin ADDRESS New York

SUBJECT Mr. [REDACTED] DATE February 28, 1947
174 East 122nd Street
New York City, N. Y.

Mr. [REDACTED] 174 East 122nd Street, New York City, called today to request a letter from us stating that gasoline supplied by Colonial Beacon Oil Company contains lead. He is trying to prove his past illness was an occupational disease so he can collect workman's compensation. We have briefly discussed this case with Mr. Locker and Dr. Beyer over the phone.

His story is as follows: He was working for Riverdale Garage, 230th Street & Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, New York, when he slipped and fell into gasoline on the floor. This incident occurred on October 10th, 1946, and he became ill within about ten minutes after his fall. He was eating a sandwich at the time and although he will not make a positive claim that the sandwich got in the gasoline and he ate it, he thinks it possible and claims Dr. B. J. Sanger of the Presbyterian Hospital, N. Y. C. diagnosed his illness as lead poisoning. At the time of the accident he says the water was reported to be polluted and warning had been issued that it should be boiled before using.

His personal physician on the case from the start was Dr. I. J. Lstrin, 3435 DeKalb Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. Several days after the accident he developed jaundice and his doctor sent him to the Presbyterian Hospital. X-rays were taken and Dr. Hanger, a specialist at the hospital, was consulted. He claims that some doctor (or doctors) from the Mayo Clinic also examined him.

Mr. [REDACTED] claims that the referee hearing the case has told him that he cannot award compensation on the basis of an occupational disease unless he has a written statement supporting his claim that there was lead in the gasoline. Mr. [REDACTED] called on Colonial Beacon for such a letter. They referred him to Standard Oil at 26 Broadway, who in turn sent him to us.

The case is Workman's Compensation No. 47002602. The Zurich Insurance Company who are also involved, examined Mr. [REDACTED] Feb. 5, 1947. He could throw no light on the results of their examination.

We trust that this information is complete enough to enable you to follow it to a satisfactory conclusion. We advised Mr. [REDACTED] that he would probably hear from us through his physician.

Very truly yours,

AJB/GB
cc: E.O. Jones

A. J. Baldwin (Signed)

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March 13, 1947

Dr. Willard Machle,
714 Chrysler Building,
New York City 17.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for the information in your letter of March 5 concerning the alleged case of lead poisoning reported by Mr. Baldwin. Unless I hear from you to the contrary later, I should assume that you are following through on this in every way. Do not hesitate to call on me for anything I can do, since you realize that these cases often have ramifications of considerable consequence. In view of Mr. Webb's mandate to me I must still regard myself as primarily responsible in all these medico-legal matters. Nevertheless, I have no intention of interfering in the regional handling of them until and unless there is something useful that I can do.

Ollie Jones has forwarded information to me and a copy to you, concerning an additional case being handled by Pennsylvania Threshermen and Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company, Claim #148030 - [REDACTED]. I also have some information on this case from Earl Bartholomew, to whom an appeal was made for information in the literature. I am writing to Mr. Foor of the above insurance company in order to establish contact. If any information on this case comes your way, or if the opportunity presents itself to you to deal with this matter directly, do so and let me know about it.

Dautrebande was out here last week, and we arranged with him so as to enable him to work somewhat briefly on some acute experiments. Unfortunately his needs for the conduct of the chronic work very much exceed our available facilities at the present. I shall do everything for him I can, and will be delighted to have him, but it is a somewhat difficult situation in view of our present program.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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