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August 25, 1943

Dr. R. A. Kehoe.

Dear Doc:

With further reference to my telephone conversation with you regarding Mr. Margraf, Dayton Division Manager for Standard Oil of Ohio, I am attaching hereto a very complete report from Mr. Siebenthaler.

You can see that ~~this~~ closes the file on the conversation I had with you. Thanks a lot, Doc, for your cooperation. It was mighty kind of you to ask us to talk to these parents, and they appreciate it.

Yours very truly,


H. A. MACK.

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August 23, 1943

Mr. H. A. Mack.

Dear Harry:

At your request, I called on Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Adams, 1617 Benson Drive, Dayton, Ohio.

Through Mr. Margraf, Division Manager of the Dayton office of Standard Oil Company, who is a personal friend of Mr. & Mrs. Adams, it was learned that their son had been stationed for some three months in North Africa. During about a month of that time, he had been handling both aviation and motor Ethyl gasoline for continued long periods of time each working day. The boy developed a partial paralysis in both legs and the wrist and fingers of the left hand. He is now in the hospital at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. His parents thought that possibly he had absorbed enough lead from the gasoline to cause or contribute to his condition.

In talking to Mr. and Mrs. Adams, I found them highly intelligent and sensible people. I explained to them the reason for my call — that is, it was a request of Mr. Margraf — and I feel that after giving them the background of Ethyl fluid as I know it and the manner in which it is handled, they are now convinced beyond any question of a doubt that their son's condition could not possibly have been caused by the handling of the gasoline.

They have just returned from a visit to White Sulphur, where they spent a week. During the week, they said that there was a marked improvement in the boy's condition — in fact, since being in this hospital, a period of just one month, his condition has improved to such an extent that he is now able to walk with the use of a cane and the paralysis in his wrist and fingers has entirely disappeared. They discussed his case with Col. C. M. Beck, who is head of the hospital at White Sulphur, and from what they told me that Col. Beck had imparted to them, it is quite evident that the boy's condition was caused principally by vitamin deficiency, as I know they have been giving him B-1 extract and Col. Beck assured them that within two months' time the boy's health would be absolutely back to normal.

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Both Mr. and Mrs. Adams were very appreciative of my call and I am quite sure that there will be no thought in their minds that tetraethyllead had anything to do with the boy's trouble.

Yours very truly,

N. D. Siebenthaler

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