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bcc: Dr. R. A. Kehoe
Mr. D. H. Conklin

June 5, 1956

Mr. E. L. Shea
The Ethyl Corporation
100 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Shea:

Attached is a copy of a letter from Dr. Francis M. Pottenger, Jr., of the Los Angeles County Medical Association to our Dr. S. L. Rankin, which should be self-explanatory.

Dr. Rankin has forwarded the letter to Dr. Robert A. Kehoe, requesting him to communicate directly with Dr. Pottenger. It seems that this action is in full accord with the thoughts expressed during our recent discussion with Dr. Kehoe on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. DALEY
GENERAL MANAGER

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
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May 10, 1956

Dr. S. L. Rankin
Medical Adviser
E. I. Dupont Nemour & Company
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Doctor Rankin:

You will recall our recent discussion in regard to lead in the atmosphere of Los Angeles and that the Medical men were concerned particularly about the concentration of lead at the street level and at the air-scoop level of automobiles that are continually driving our highways. Unfortunately, I was unable to hear Doctor Kehoe's discussion recently in Los Angeles. However, I have had reports from the medical members of our Committee and others in attendance. They did feel that Dr. Kehoe discussed the problem of lead contamination in the atmosphere as a whole but did not touch upon the important subject of the individual who is in the automobile congested areas. As I stated to you at the time, our Committee is most anxious to have information on the concentrations of lead on the street level. We are also interested in knowing whether or not lead in the atmosphere may catalyze other biological reactions. Should your figures carry out Dr. Kehoe's recent statements that our lead danger is far more from food ingestion than from air ingested, even in heavily traveled traffic areas we should be very glad to give such a report to the Council of the County Medical Association and recommend publication in the Bulletin. I should appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Francis M. Pottenger, Jr., M.D.
Chairman of the Smog Committee

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