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25th August 1947

Dr. R.A. Kehoe,
College of Medicine,
University of Cincinnati,
CINCINNATI.

Dear Dr. Kehoe,

Further to our letter of the 1st August, we have received a little more information in regard to the circumstances surrounding this case. The following is an extract from a recent letter from Dr. Blackburn:

"With regard to the two men who had T.E.L. poisoning, they are both now well. I intend to send Johnson back to work next week and Kenna two weeks after that, and I have no further worries about them.

Since my report to you for transmission to London I have learned more of the detail of their exposure. Kenna first went into the tank on the 19th June and proceeded to clean the "slime" and "sludge" from off the walls and fins inside the tank. He informs me that he wore rubber boots but does not like wearing gloves of any kind so did not wear the canvas gloves which were worn inside by Johnson. His method of removing the "slime" and "sludge" was to scrape the metal with a piece of timber held in his hands and it was during this process that he got a number of abrasions on his hands. He remarked that the "fumes" were terrific. The next day he and Johnson both removed the "sludge" from the tank. Thus Kenna had considerably greater exposure than Johnson and this no doubt accounted for the difference in their illnesses."

Dr. Blackburn also informs us that he is leaving for America shortly; he has been negotiating to do post-graduate work at the Rockefeller Foundation, and we would like him to have the opportunity of visiting you some time during his visit to the States, which he expects will last twelve months. He would then be able to give you firsthand information regarding his experiences of the treatment of lead poisoning by use of British Anti Lewisite.

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Dr. Kehoe

25th August 1947

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As soon as we have further details regarding Dr. Blackburn's trip we will write you again when you might suggest a convenient time for his visit to Cincinnati.

Yours sincerely,



M.A. PRYKE

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