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central nervous system which may well be confused with intoxication by alcohol and certain drugs.

(3) The absorption of tetraethyllead never causes hematologic abnormalities - neither "stippling," nor porphyrinuria - the apparent reason being that the degradation products of tetraethyllead in the body do not enter into combination with hemoglobin precursors.

It is obvious, from these considerations, that if this man had lead poisoning in September, he did not acquire it at his work in a service station. There must have been some other source of exposure, or the diagnosis was completely unjustified. On analytical grounds it is most improbable that he had absorbed abnormal quantities of lead. It is, therefore, most unlikely that he had lead poisoning at any time.

If you have any further question about this man or these findings, or as to the documentation of what I have said above, do not hesitate to let me know.

Cordially yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

P.S. I presume the insurance company will pay this bill so I forward it to you in order that the Laboratory may be reimbursed for its cost. The patient should not in any case be asked to pay it. He, apparently, has had enough trouble.

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