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TO Dr. Robert A. Kehoe ADDRESS Cincinnati, Ohio

FROM Mr. Gilbert Way ADDRESS San Bernardino, Calif.

SUBJECT Request for Information from C. W. DATE June 16, 1950
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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Attached you will find a letter of inquiry addressed to me from the University of California on the subject of air contamination from exhaust gas fumes and my reply to them. In accordance with our Company policy, I am referring this inquiry to your attention. As a guide to your consideration of their request, I feel it may be helpful to give you a brief description of the Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering at the University of California.

My first contact with this group was in February of this year, when I was referred to Mr. C. W. Wilson, a former Shell man, by Ted Littlefield who has been an old friend of Mr. Wilson's since his days with the oil industry. At that time I met Professor R. A. Moyer, Head of the Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering. From various discussions with Mr. Wilson and observations in Professor Moyer's office, I gathered that Professor Moyer is an authority on road building materials and traffic problems. The Institute acts as a consultant to various governmental agencies, particularly on such matters as the planning of super highways and solutions to traffic congestion problems. Among the factors which have an influence in their recommendations are those of economics and air pollution.

It seems to me that it would be desirable to give Professor Moyer such information as we are in a position to release, since his group functions as a fact-finding board which will be used in an advisory capacity to various governmental agencies. I would be inclined to believe that, as a division of the University of California, the Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering would be subject to a minimum of influence by political pressure groups, and should serve as a desirable outlet for facts on the subject of the contribution of motor vehicle exhaust gases to air pollution, which I believe the general public has been lead to believe is a more serious problem than is actually the case.

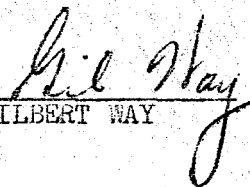
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It occurs to me that if you are going to attend the AMA Convention in San Francisco, you may wish to consider the possibility of discussing these problems with either Professor Moyer or Mr. Wilson at that time. Incidentally, while in Detroit I discussed with Wheeler Lovell the question of whether or not you know about the various memorandums which have been written by our people in regard to bus exhaust fumes. Our Technical Service at Detroit has available copies of a paper which was presented at an SAE Meeting in Los Angeles on March 27, 1947, by Errol Gay entitled, "An Approach to the Problem of Controlling Smoke and Odor of Automotive Gasoline Engines". Eddie Paige also wrote an excellent memorandum dated May 13, 1949, which gives information on the causes of exhaust fumes in motor buses. I mentioned this latter paper to Mr. Wilson, but have not sent him one since such material presumably should now be released from your office.

Very truly yours,


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