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Dr. R. A. Kehoe
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University of Cincinnati
Eden Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Subject: Gulf Oil Corporation
Boston, Massachusetts
Alleged Case of Lead Poisoning

By way of confirming our conversation of yesterday afternoon concerning the alleged case of lead poisoning, I am attaching an interview report on this matter prepared by H. C. Moseley.

Mr. Moseley and others of the Eastern Region asked me whether any action should be taken. I replied that inasmuch as the matter would be in your hands, that nothing further need be done unless you so directed.

I am sure that Mr. Smith will appreciate having talked with you directly.

Cordially,

Ellis K. Locher
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attach.

cc: Mr. J. S. Southwick
Mr. A. J. Baldwin

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COMPANY: GULF OIL CORP.

INTERVIEW REPORT

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STATE ACTION

Operations Dept.

TITLE

Boston, Mass.

LOCATION

This gentleman called me to determine the approximate TEL content of the Boston Pool gasoline in 1944. When I was unable to give him the information, I inquired as to his purpose to which he responded that it was in regard to a legal suit of a former employee of alleged lead poisoning.

I went into Mr. Smith's office and discussed the matter in further as follows:

Mr. [REDACTED] was employed by Gulf as a driver out of the Forest Hills, Mass. station in 1944. In the month of August he complained of trouble with his legs and was placed under the care of a physician with no indication being made to Gulf management of the nature of the ailment. In the Spring of 1945, Mr. Anderson returned to work and at that time was unable to resume any of his former duties as driver. Therefore, he was detailed to a clerical position which position he occupied until he was released in late 1945 with the reason of being an inefficient clerk. During the period of his illness in 1944, he was paid by Gulf at full salary.

The above suit has now been brought alleging lead poisoning.

Gulf Oil Co. is being represented by the Travelers Ins. Co. and is investigating the details of the history of the case. To date they have uncovered the fact that Mr. Anderson's sister suffered the same type of difficulty with her legs some years previous.

Under the Workman's Compensation Act a Board has been appointed to hear the merits of the case and the medical aspects will be reviewed by a Dr. Orb in Boston.

I had been given to understand that Dr. Byer was to be in New England next week and so stated to Mr. Smith and that Dr. Byer could inform him what, if any, action Ethyl Corp. could or might take in such instances. However, I am now informed that Dr. Byer will be delayed and have given the above to J.T. Beckwith to handle and he has taken additional action.

Gulf requests our assistance.

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H. C. Moseley

INTERVIEWER

Boston, Mass.

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