CC: DR. ROBERT A. KEHOE

TO	Mr. A. B. Wyrick	ADDRESS	Los Angeles
FROM	Mr. H. N. Peters	ADDRESS	Los Angeles
SUBJECT	Wm. W. Robinson - The Texas Company	DATE	June 4, 1947

Referring to Ellis Locher's telegram of May 29, concerning shipment of 2cc pure TEL from the Texas Company's Beacon Laboratory to Mr. Wm. W. Robinson, Manager of The Texas Company's Signal Hill Laboratory, Long Beach, California, I have the following to report:

The Signal Hill Laboratory is a Production Department Laboratory and has nothing to do with their Manufacturing Department.

Mr. Robinson, Manager of this Laboratory, was contacted. He has not yet received this shipment of 2 cc's of pure TEL from Beacon, New York. He was given one of our Medical Regulations placards entitled "Precautions for Handling Organic Lead Compounds in Laboratories" dated October 1, 1938. I also discussed with him the recommended precaution.

Without my asking him specifically as to what use he was going to put the TEL, Mr. Robinson volunteered the following information:

The TEL is for his personal use in private medical experiments. It has nothing to do with the Texas Company. He is collaborating with two Long Beach physicians in experiments along the line of toxicity of lead having to do with skin diseases. He said a smaller amount of TEL would have been sufficient, but they were sending him 2 cc's. He said both he and the two doctors were aware of the toxicity of organic lead compounds and would handle it safely. He pointed out that these experiments had no bearing on the toxicity or the commercial use of TEL in gasoline.

He was not sure whether the Beacon Laboratory were sending him pure TEL or "Ethyl" fluid, but what he wanted was pure TEL. He wanted to know if TEL was miscible in ethyl alcohol. He also would like some literature, reprints, or anything we had on toxicity of lead compounds, dermatitis, etc.

I suggested that he communicate directly with Dr. Kehoe and gave him Dr. Kehoe's address. I told him I thought Dr. Kehoe would give him the information desired and send him some reprints of articles on toxicity of lead.

Very truly yours,

H. N. PETERS

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P. S. Mr. Robinson was careful to point out that this was a personal matter and the shipment of TEL to him was a personal accommodation.

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