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MANUFACTURING AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY
TO: CHRYSLER BUILDING
405 LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK CITY

April 24, 1939

Dr. R. A. Kehoe

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 21 enumerating the points which you had in mind discussing with me when you were in New York.

1. I am certainly sorry that we could not have had a three-cornered discussion concerning the first item you mentioned regarding transportation of fluid to plants and customers. Frankly, I feel that one side of the story has been presented to you without proper shading of our participation in the circumstances. You may rest assured however, that it is our intention to work harmoniously with the Safety Department. I should think this would go without saying inasmuch as I have always felt that I have personally been a staunch advocate of their activities and in a way, sponsored some of their program.

Nevertheless, on the point in question I think that the approach by them has been somewhat faulty and I should like to discuss this matter with you the next time we meet rather than make it a subject of considerable correspondence.

2. I am very much opposed to including in the Safety Manual information with respect to the manufacture of tetraethyl lead and Ethyl Fluid. I think that the contents of the Safety Manual should deal strictly with safety and the practices which we require to carry out our program. Subjects of an informative nature, not dealing with safety, in my mind have no place in such a manual.

Secondly, because of our arrangements with the duPont Company, I do not feel we should unduly publicize our processes. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Lewis and find that we have rather opposite views. I have agreed to sit in conference with Dr. Edgar, Mr. Taylor and him to further discuss the matter.

3. I await your further views in connection with the medical care of Ethyl Gasoline employees at Baton Rouge.

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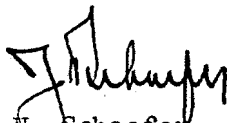
Dr. R. A. Kehoe

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Perhaps we can go into the above subjects more thoroughly when I see you in Detroit on May 12. On the other hand, if you feel that time would not permit our discussion of these points during that meeting, I would be prepared to stop off in Cincinnati a day or so ahead and go into these matters thoroughly with you. I would be perfectly agreeable to having Mr. Lewis present. Please let me know your further views.

Very truly yours,


J. H. Schaefer

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April 21, 1936

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Last week we forwarded to the Stevens Metal Products Company two empty 55-gallon drums for repairs. These particular drums represent samples of approximately five hundred and some odd drums which have circular gouges in either one or both heads. This gouging has occurred from time to time due to occasional failure of the steel brushes on the drum washing machine. Lately we have been withdrawing these drums from service feeling that until we develop some method of determining the extent of the damage to the strength of the drums we had best set them aside.

Bob Russell gave us a estimate of between five and six dollars on the replacement of these defective heads and the two sample drums were sent out in an effort to determine the exact repair costs. This morning I called Bob and told him to advise his plant to hold up starting this work until I had been able to get an expression from you with regard to the possible hazards connected. I do not know why I failed to realize this before but I am afraid now that even though we acid wash these drums the workmen will be exposed to a certain amount of odor from triethyl lead bromide and chloride salts which we feel are responsible for the odor which we know exists.

I would thank you to advise me on this and until I hear from you I shall hold up this work.

Very truly yours,


A. P. Stover

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P.S. I have received your letter of April 16 in regard to the Spanish translations of the placard and booklet which I sent to you. As you suggest, I am writing to Julian Gonzalez to obtain the correct blue books, one for Ethyl Gasoline Corporation and one for Ethyl Export Corporation.

I intend to personally check the translation of the blue books which you sent me with the books we have on hand to be absolutely sure that we have and are using the correct ones. I will write to you again when I have completed this check.

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