

February 8, 1938

Mr. J. A. Costello
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Attention: Mr. George Rosser

Dear Mr. Rosser:

I received today a copy of your letter of February 4th in which you enclose copies of correspondence concerning an alleged case of lead poisoning at Warrior, Alabama. I do not feel that I should barge into this case by authorizing the examination of the claimant without having taken the matter up through the Standard Oil Company. This case belongs in a very different category from those with which we habitually deal, in that here we are not dealing with a lead exposure associated potentially with the normal handling of gasoline. This case is based rather on abnormal or accidental ingestion of gasoline containing lead, and although I do not believe that lead was a factor in the illness, such gasoline was not intended as a beverage. This case, therefore, is of no immediate concern of ours. Therefore anything which I were to do in connection with this case would involve the Standard Oil Company in the charge of negligence and I can not, therefore, treat it as I would a normal case.

I trust you will keep me acquainted with any further developments and especially such information or requests for information as may come through the Standard Oil Company.

Very truly yours,

RAK:ls
cc Mr. Lewis

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