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May 11, 1939.

Mr. F. O. Case, Manager of Midwest District,
International Smelting & Refining Company,
20 North Wacker Drive,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: U. S. Patent Application of
Messrs. Johnson, Rowman & Knox
Serial Number 178,352
Filed December 6, 1937
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING WHITE LEAD

Dear Frank:

I am sending you herewith copy of letter from Pennie,
Davis, Marvin and Edmonds, with attached copy of Office action
in connection with the above noted patent application, which is
self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Mr. G. E. Johnson

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International Smelting & Refining Co.,
25 Broadway, Room 1720,
New York, New York.

Re: U. S. Patent Application of
Messrs. Johnson, Bowman & Knox
Serial Number 178,352
Filed December 6, 1937
For: Method of Producing White Lead

Dear Mr. Laist:

In connection with the above-identified applica-
tion, we are enclosing herewith two copies of an Office action
dated April 22, 1939.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures.

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Mailed April 22, 1939.

Please find below a communication
from the EXAMINER in charge of this
application.

Applicant: Gunnard E. Johnson
et al.

CONWAY P. COE,
Commissioner of Patents. Serial No. 178,352

Filed December 8, 1937

For: Method of Producing
White Lead.

AMENDMENT DUE October 22, 1939.

Responsive to amendment filed November 7, 1938.

Claims 1, 3, 6 to 10 and 12 to 22 have been cancelled.

Claims 2, 4, 5 and 11 are rejected as based on an insuffi-
cient disclosure. The step of excess carbonation of the catho-
lyte does not appear to be defined in the specification. Excess
over what?

Claims 2, 4, 5 and 11 are rejected as unpatentable over
Johnson et al, of record. This reference clearly teaches the
advantages of controlling bicarbonate ion concentration in the
anolyte. To do this by a known method of adjusting the bicar-
bonate ion concentration is not seen as invention. The step
used has been pointed out in Rosenstein. It appears that in-
stead of controlling the degree of carbonation of the catholyte,
the control is made at the anolyte; no unexpected advantage is
seen in this.

No claim is allowed.

EXAMINER.

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