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Miss Emily B. Tillotson
511 Third Street
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Miss Tillotson:

Your inquiry on the nature of gasoline intoxication has been passed along to us for reply. I gather from your note that the illness of the person to whom you refer has developed over a period of years, and do not hesitate to advise you that we have no knowledge of gasoline having ever produced an illness of that type.

The serious results referred to in the folder are those of acute gasoline poisoning which may come about from swallowing gasoline or breathing high concentrations of vapor. This will result in dizziness, collapse, unconsciousness, convulsions, and death, all of which will take place within a few minutes or hours. Accordingly, it is very unlikely, if possible at all, that gasoline would contribute to an illness of fifteen years duration.

However, we will be very happy to assist this patient's physician after we have had more information on the nature of the illness. If the physician on the case, therefore, will write us and give us all of the information that he has on the case, we will communicate with him.

Very truly yours,

WM:vr

Willard Machle, M. D.

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