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Re: [REDACTED], 30 years old.

Dear Doctor:-

I recently had a call from the above named party at my office who gives the following history:

Taken ill on May 20th, 1936, with nausea and vomiting, removed to hospital, stayed in hospital 10 days, returned home. Began to break out in sores in mouth and on lips, these would form blisters and burst, which spread until they were all over his face and neck. Stayed in bed eight months, now up on crutches. Six weeks after going home from hospital showed no improvement, gradually getting worse. Two months after sores began to check he commenced having aching pains in arms and legs. After that became delirious, and for about three or four weeks was entirely out of his mind, fighting anyone who came near him, even his mother. Continually raved about working on automobiles. When the delirium began to pass, arms and hands began to drop, and now has no use of fingers, toes or ankles, although he is beginning to use his wrists a little. During the time he was out of his head, complained of pains in stomach and intestines. Saw nine doctors, who all said his condition was due to lead poisoning.

The boy is very anxious to rehabilitate himself if possible, and while I can think of very little to do for the damage that has been done, I thought that possibly you or some of the doctors in laboratory could offer some idea as to what could be done. The boy has double wrist drop, atrophy of the lower limbs which requires him to use crutches - he can walk with the support of crutches.

The boy has a fine spirit and I wondered if with your experience with this lead poisoning, if there was anything that we could do to give him any assistance.

His claim is a rather novel one to me as he got this in a garage from washing parts with the ethyl gas which was furnished him by the garage for that purpose. The first part seems to me a little peculiar, because it seems in the open air there would not be so much absorption of lead, and in the second place it seems funny that a garage would use high priced lead gasoline to wash the grease off the parts. Still, that

is the statement that the boy sticks to.

If it should happen that you could come to Savannah any time in the near future, I will be very glad to have you notify me beforehand, so that I can have this boy at the office at any time that would be agreeable to you, and have you look into the merits of the case.

It would also give me an opportunity to have you out for lunch and spend a pleasant few hours with you, and I will be glad of the opportunity to see you.

With kind regards to you
and yours,

Very truly yours,

Signed: - J. K. Train, M.D.

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