

March 12, 1968

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Dear Doctor Wood:

This is an acknowledgment of your letter of February 29 to Doctor Robert A. Kehoe. He is presently on a business trip abroad and will not be back in his office until early in April.

I shall, of course, bring your letter to his attention upon his return, and I am certain you will be hearing from him soon thereafter.

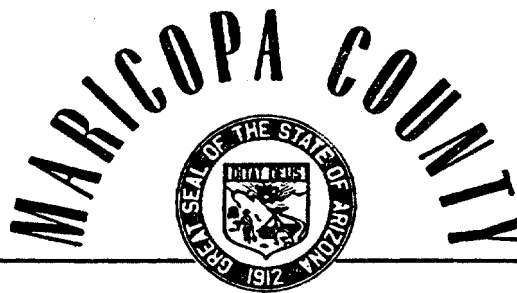
Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Winifred Peaslee
Secretary to
Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

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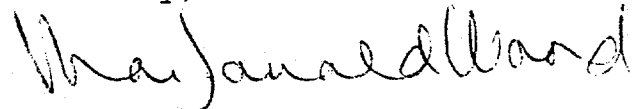
Dear Doctor Kehoe:

Since February, 1965, 260 thermally burned persons have been treated in the Burn Unit at Maricopa County General Hospital. To investigate the effect of tetraethylead absorption in gasoline burns we recently have been measuring the blood and urine lead levels, and urine coproporphyrins; significant excretion of lead has been found. We suspect that acute absorption of lead may very well contribute to the mortality and morbidity. Unfortunately, limitations by the coroner's office have prevented more detailed toxicologic studies.

Do you have any information pertaining to the absorption and distribution of tetraethylead or tetramethylead in persons burned with gasoline? Has any experimental work been done along this line?

Doctor William Price, co-director of the unit, and I would appreciate any help in this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "MacDonal Wood".

MacDonald Wood, M. D.
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P. S. I have the excellent "Symposium on Lead" in the February, 1964, issue of Archives of Environmental Health.

Would it be possible to obtain copies of the back issues of the Kettering Laboratory Abstracts on lead, and to be placed on the mailing list for future issues?

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