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Publication of Results of Detroit
Work on Lead in Exhaust of
Automobiles

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Dear Bynum:

In view of Bob Kehoe's memorandum of September 19 to Herb Savage, on the subject of the publication of the results of Detroit's work on lead in the exhaust of automobiles, we got together here and once again discussed how we might approach the problem of establishing priority on the work that Ellis Rifkin has done in connection with the 4 ml program.

It appeared to us that probably the best plan would be for Ellis to finish his report on his work, which as you know he was doing anyway in anticipation of publication, and make the report available for distribution to interested parties in the petroleum industry. We believe this would be a good subject for forthcoming joint technical conferences with major customers and, in addition, would be a report which could be distributed to and discussed with technical people in other customer companies by the Rover Boys and others. It is our feeling that offering this report as a paper to either the SAE or the API would end up in it being considered as a subject that should be included in discussions of air pollution. As I mentioned in my memorandum of July 27 to Mr. Shea on this subject, it is our feeling that such publication would be undesirable because of the distinct possibility of the lay press publishing partial facts from which erroneous conclusions could be drawn.

Since there was evidently quite a bit of misunderstanding among Bob Kehoe, Jim Boudreau, and myself on this subject previously, I called Bob this morning who stated that the procedure I suggested above was satisfactory so far as he was concerned. He would like to reserve his opinion as to what the next step should be until a later date. I would therefore like to suggest that we obtain concurrence to distribute

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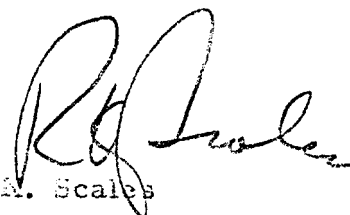
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reports to our customers on the results of our work with a view to
establishing priority in this field in the eyes of our customers.



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cc: ~~Dr. R. A. Kehoe~~
Dr. E. B. Rifkin

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