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MEETING WITH ESSO EUROPEAN AT 50, STRATTON ST. W.I.

AT 3 p.m. ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH, 1968.

PURPOSE

To inform Professor R. Kehoe and Octel of the Swedish situation according to Esso Sweden experience.

PRESENT:	Dr. C. Fleming	-	Esso European
	Dr. J. Hamer	-	Esso European
	Mr. Brian Faulkner	-	Esso European
	Mr. P. Hansen	-	Esso Sweden
	Mr. W. Rusher	-	Ethyl S. A. Brussels
	Mr. D. Hornbeck	-	Ethyl S. A. Brussels
	Pro. R. Kehoe	-	University of Cincinnati
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	CLG	-	Octel

1. Paul Hansen said that the lead problem in Sweden for leaded gasoline started with the publishing of the Danielsson report. Danielsson being a M.Sc. Chem., and as a Civil Servant being employed since 1964 on the Natural Resources Conservation Committee. Danielsson is approximately 35 years of age, and is not easy to deal with as he has a remote suspicious manner.
2. The Ministry of Communications in Sweden has an Exhaust Emissions Group, of which Professor Gerhardsson is the Chairman. The Ministry of Agriculture has a Toxicity and Pesticides Panel, part of the Natural Resources Conservancy Board, which employs Danielsson.
3. There are six people in the Emissions Group, of which Hansen is one from the Petroleum Industry. A member from the Atomic Energy Centre, Engineer Larbon from Volvo and an Engineer from Scania Vabis and a member from the Road Department. This Group reports to the Minister of Communications.
4. The present Chairman cum Secretary of the SPI is a lawyer - Mr. Klintberg. The SPI are not technically based in their permanent staff and rely on their members for technical information, such as the requisite letter required by the Minister of Health on the facts of life for leaded gasoline.

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5. Klintberg is in favour of a compromise solution in that the Oil Industry shall agree to some lowering of the use of lead alkyls in gasoline. This the SPI members are strongly opposed to any form of lawyers compromise. They wish the situation judged on the facts which they hope Professor K. will be able to provide.
6. The Ministry of Agriculture, through the Toxicity and Pesticides Panel sets the use of all poisons via its Poisons Board. The present permitted lead level maximum is 0.84 gms lead/litre equivalent to 3mls/TEL/USG.
7. Why reduce lead content, this at the moment is notional and hysterical, as was shown by the T. V. programme which was "rigged" by cutting film of interviews, apparently for the benefit of the anti-lead lobby.
8. At the Scales/Hornbeck meeting with the Swedish SPI in Stockholm early February, Danielsson took a long time to "open his mouth" when he put up a poor performance. Hansen decided then that a Medical investigation was necessary by first week in March, otherwise irresponsible action might be taken by the Swedish Authorities.
9. A suggestion to penalise lead content in gasoline by added tax was under consideration. Both Ministers of Communications and Agriculture can be removed from office by a change in Government at the 1968 September election.
10. Professor K. asked Hansen if the Ministers concerned can be convinced that the lead situation created by Danielsson is nonsense. Can the situation then be held pending, if necessary, a proper investigation by qualified people. Hansen answered yes and no, i.e. the situation is dicey.
11. Hansen pointed out that as far as the public outcry is concerned, if this can be organised by Danielsson, it will be a case of shooting first and asking questions afterwards.
12. Apparently Professor Yost - University of Gottingen, Germany, who, by his statements in an unscripted lecture at the 7th WPC Mexico City, that lead must be removed from gasoline for health reasons is not yet in the situation.
13. Pro. K. pointed out in the Swiss situation economics were not considered. Any threat by lead to public health from loaded gasoline, the lead would have been out of the gasoline by law and Oil Industry thinking would confirm this.

90% of the factual information at the Washington Seminar on lead in 1966 in front of Senator Muskie came from the University of Cincinnati Kettering Laboratories of Industrial Toxicology. The anti-lead lobby put up a very poor performance, which at times showed lack of a sense of responsibility.

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14. Pro. K. as a source of information for the defence of the lead industry had been accused of bias by Danielsson and others. Pro. K. speaks for the University of Cincinnati and the Kettering Institute and not on behalf of any industry, to give factual information to people who are not familiar with the problems of industrial toxicity, not only with lead, but with other elements.
15. Hansen thought Professor Gerhardsson, though not Medically qualified, was well qualified in the sciences, being factual and objective.
16. Hansen tabled a list of people invited by Pro. G. for a meeting in Stockholm with Pro. K. 2.30 p.m. Board Room of the Scandinavian Bank. This will include carefully selected members of the Press who are known to be professionally qualified to write articles for Medical journals etc. Should the Press be excluded this will foul up the situation.

Pro. K's. discussion will be tape recorded for the record in event of subsequent dispute.

17. Dr. Dahl - Nynas/Octel Medical adviser will be invited to the meeting at the request of Dr. Barry.
18. Pro. K. then ran over the philosophy of the situation as he saw it, pointed out some difficulties in the United States, where each State of the Union handles its own health problems, sometimes well, sometimes not too well. Thus the situation was not uniform in such affairs throughout the Union.

Finally Prof.K. said it would be fatal if he was introduced to any meeting in Sweden as an American expert who had come to straighten the matter out. This must develop naturally.

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