

*Letter to Dr. Lewis
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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

CHRYSLER BUILDING
405 LEXINGTON AVENUE

SAFETY COMMITTEE

O. B. LEWIS
CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK March 19, 1937

Dr. R. A. Kehoe
Kettering Laboratory of Applied Physiology
College of Medicine
Eden Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

We are enclosing copy of a letter received from the Texas Company regarding a case of alleged lead poisoning. Dr. Foster Kennedy, whose address is 410 East 57th Street, New York City, is the man who diagnosed the case as lead poisoning and is also treating the case.

The Texas Company is evidently quite concerned as they had us personally come in and discuss it and requested we have you make an investigation.

It is quite likely you may find it convenient to take care of this on your trip to New York next week.

Very truly yours,

O. B. Lewis

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Enclosure

*Dr. Bernard Teegarden seen while in N.Y.
Case of young man - some degree of neuritis & melanoderma
as first evidence of illness - later regarded as polyneuritis
Once thought to be lead, because of incorrect? positive Wassermann
Dr. Teegarden recommended of lead. Seen by Dr. Kennedy
lead analysis by Dr. de Santos - 0.11 mg/24hrs*

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THE TEXAS COMPANY

Bayonne, N. J.
March 18, 1937

EMPLOYEES GENERAL
A. J. PARENTE

PERSONAL

Mr. A. E. Manley
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Confirming conversation with Mr. Hoose, we understand that [REDACTED] is still in the Murray Hill Hospital. His family called in another doctor to check up on the findings of the physician treating him, and he was under the impression that [REDACTED] had lead poisoning. This doctor gave the impression that he was not absolutely sure that such was the case, and the family did not wish to take this as final. However, we advised them that it was necessary that we handle this with your office immediately.

We do not know how [REDACTED] could have been poisoned with tetraethyl lead, inasmuch as he does no mixing and does not come in contact with tetraethyl lead in any manner. He does gauge finished blended tanks, but we know of no case where a person has been poisoned due to breathing gasoline fumes of leaded products.

We assume you will take any other action necessary or advise us what to do if we can do anything else in connection with this case.

Yours very truly

Signed E. O. Perkins

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