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Miss Rose Moriarty  
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RE: [REDACTED]  
Claim No. O.D. 5050

My dear Miss Moriarty:

After my examination of Mr. [REDACTED] and of all of the data at hand in his case, and a search which I have made into the relationship of lead poisoning and gangrene of the extremities, I have come to the conclusion (1) that Mr. [REDACTED] had a definite exposure to lead poisoning in his work at the Timken Roller Bearing Company, and (2) that such lead poisoning aggravated, if it did not originally cause, the capillary and nervous disease followed by gangrene in his lower extremities. I am glad to say that both Dr. Curtis and Dr. Wiseman, of the Department of Medical and Surgical Research at Ohio State University, appear to concur with me in these findings.

I have collected a number of precedential instances grouped as follows:

Lead poisoning From Apparently Insignificant Exposures

Lead Poisoning and the Capillaries

Lead Poisoning and the Nervous System

Lead Poisoning and Gangrene

I am enclosing two copies of each of the above memoranda herewith, with the suggestion that the originals be duly filed with the Commission.

My personal examination of Mr. [REDACTED] and noting some of the discrepancies in the histories which have been made in his case by the Ford Hospital and The Mayo Clinic, and what Mr. [REDACTED] told me - all of these lead me to believe that it would be useless to try to establish the fact that lead poisoning caused his affliction since some of the statements indicate that he had a vascular disease affecting his extremities prior to his known exposure to lead, but from the findings made by the Ford Hospital in 1928 and the report sent to us at that time, there is no doubt that he had lead poisoning in 1928 and before gangrene appeared; that he could have gotten it from the type of work he was doing, and that such lead poisoning aggravated the vascular and nervous condition which he already had, bringing on the gangrene, and, of course, predisposing to the amputations which have been found necessary.

I shall be willing to testify accordingly should this case come to a legal hearing.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) EMERY R. HAYHURST

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