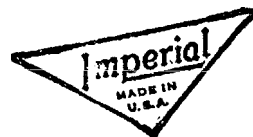


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Mr. H. N. Peters,
Ethyl Corporation,
977 West Sixth Street,
Los Angeles 14, Calif.

Dear Mr. Peters:

I have your letter of August 25, and have previously seen Mr. Wagner's letter of August 18 and Dr. Sander's memorandum on the case of Mr. [REDACTED]

It is difficult to know what to do about a case of this type. If one of us were there, we would, of course, see him, examine him, and take any action that seemed to be required. Being unable to do this, it is difficult to know what to advise. Considering the entire history of the case, together with the time that has elapsed since the tank was cleaned, there seems virtually no possibility that this man was poisoned as the result of lead absorption. Moreover, the symptoms complained of at the present time are not suggestive of lead poisoning. I should think it is fairly plain that this man needs a physical examination and some definite conclusion concerning the nature of his illness. It is possible that he has had this and I should think that his employer could get in touch with his doctor and really find out what in the opinion of the doctor is the matter with this man. I scarcely see how this could produce complications, since surely an employer is justified in being interested in his employee, and in finding out what is the matter with him. If I were to make inquiry by letter or by telephone all the way from Cincinnati, it would be assumed that there is considerable cause for anxiety, whereas if the inquiry were made locally, it would be nothing more than natural. I should not be disposed to deal cautiously in such a matter if I were investigating it in the first instance. However, now that it has gone this long, and especially since there seems to be some considerable vagueness and uncertainty about the case, it is certainly unwise for me to take too active a part in direct inquiry made to a doctor in California about whom I know nothing at all.

I wonder, therefore, if you could not institute some inquiry through the Coast Oil Company whereby I could have a little bit better than a pure guess on the matter. If Mr. Flodin should want to write to me directly or if the doctor in the case would like to write to

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me, I should certainly be glad to give him any information that is possible.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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