

ALAN C. TULLY

REPRESENTING

ETHYL EXPORT CORPORATION

LONDON AND NEW YORK

BANK OF N.S.W. CHAMBERS.
368 COLLINS STREET.
MELBOURNE. C.I.

November 28th. 1936

Dr. R.A. Kehoe,
College of Medicine,
University of Cincinnati,
CINCINNATI. O H I O.

Dear Dr. Kehoe,

The Director of Personnel for the Vacuum Oil Company, Mr. C.H. Newbold, has made several requests recently, which I do not intend to grant until I have your permission and approval.

The Vacuum Oil Company has maintained the practice of giving medical examinations to prospective employees and also to employees who are given drastic changes in occupation. This work is done for them by local practitioners. Since quite a number of their men are now actively engaged in the handling of leaded petrols, they feel that their examining doctor should make certain examinations and tests to determine whether or not their present and prospective employees would be suitable individuals. Unfortunately, the general familiarity with lead and the diseases attributed to it is very meagre, and they feel that their local doctors are rather helpless in that field. Their first request, therefore, is that we supply them with a copy of the routine which our doctors follow in carrying out their examinations and observations in the field. If you approve of our passing this information along, would you kindly supply me with a brief resume of our procedures?

They are somewhat concerned over the anticipation of legal action arising over a probable case of lead poisoning or some other ailment experienced by one of their present employees for which lead exposure might be blamed. They were in hopes that we might turn over to them the records which we keep on their employees so that they

KE 0007017

November 28th., 1936

would have sufficient grounds to make decisions and also sufficient material to use in protecting themselves. Again, should you approve of this idea, I would like your permission to supply them with copies of our records. Personally, I do not feel that this would be a wise plan, but I am somewhat obliged to pass on their request to you.

When questioned, I was unable to tell Mr. Newbold exactly what our customer companies did about such matters in the States. Perhaps you might be able to ascertain the practices which they follow, and if you will supply me with such information, I shall pass it on to Mr. Newbold.

Thus far we have had very smooth sailing as far as the handling of lead is concerned, and I trust that our customer companies will continue to co-operate and thereby remove all possibility of trouble in the future.

With kindest regards
to yourself and staff,

I am,
Very truly yours,

Charles J. Jolly

ACT:GAB

KE 0007018