

December 13, 1934

Dr. Graham Edgar  
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation  
Chrysler Building  
New York City  
New York

Dear Dr. Edgar:

I promised to call your attention to the communication and conference which we have had with Dr. C. M. Gotham at San Antonio, Texas, concerning a presumed case of tetraethyl lead poisoning in "an employee of the government who handles lead tetraethyl in one of the ware houses at Duncan Field". Dr. Gotham wrote to us initially, asking for information about this type of poisoning. We replied somewhat guardedly with a request for further information, and the above quoted portion of his letter in reply is the most significant part of it for our purposes. Dr. Schradin saw Dr. Gotham and attempted to see the man and to see the conditions under which he may have been exposed. He was unable to do so, but we have made arrangements through Dr. Gotham and through a field representative of the Corporation, Mr. J. M. Rollins, to obtain samples of excreta from this man as soon as it can be conveniently arranged by the doctor. We have no further information except that the story told Dr. Schradin makes it seem quite likely that this man has had significant amount of exposure to tetraethyl lead. It is conceivable, of course, that it is all "moonshine", but the patient's story of his exposure and his symptomatology strongly suggest that he has had contact with tetraethyl lead. Any means by which we could obtain information would be quite useful.

I assume from its location that Duncan Field is an army flying field.

Faithfully yours,

RAK:IS

Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.