

January 27, 1939

Dr. John Francis Borelli
Mt. Pleasant Pike
Hamilton, Ohio

Dear Doctor Borelli:-

I have just completed an examination of your patient [REDACTED] at the request of the Industrial Commission of Ohio. In my opinion Mr. [REDACTED] has some degenerative process in the spinal cord which may or may not be the result of lead poisoning. I have stated in my report that I am not justified in drawing any other conclusion as to the origin of his disability, but I am actually quite doubtful as to the role of lead in spinal cord degenerations. Be that as it may, I have recommended that Mr. [REDACTED] be hospitalized for a period of two or three weeks on high caloric and high vitamin intake, in the hope and belief that he will be considerably improved, and that the subsequent continuation of this regime may result in a considerable degree of recovery.

I have no assurance that my recommendations as to Mr. [REDACTED] treatment will be followed, or that he will be sent back to me if they are followed. The latter, of course, is of little consequence, since the only important thing is that he be treated. I take this means of communicating my point of view to you, for whatever use it may be to you, since I feel that this man should have every opportunity for recovery that can be provided.

Incidentally, I should be very grateful to you if you could give me the general clinical picture shown by the records of his case at the time of his original illness.

Cordially yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.