

March 3, 1937

Mr. A. LaMar Benson
Maryland Casualty Company
32 South St. Third Floor
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Benson:

Your letter of February 23rd concerning the illness of one [REDACTED] has been received and I have looked up our record. I find that neither I nor any of my associates examined Mr. [REDACTED] nor did we make any further investigation of the case after having received a report of the examination made at the Washington Insurance Clinic, 1723 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. - Washington, D. C. The results of the examination made at that Clinic indicated rather clearly that there was no suggestion of lead intoxication. (Incidentally, and for your information, the handling of gasolines does not involve significant exposure to tetraethyl lead. The vapors given off from the gasoline do not contain lead in measureable quantities so that it is not possible to absorb lead as the result of exposure to fumes rising from tanks and open containers of gasoline.) The doctor who examined him, Dr. Thomas J. Kelly, came to the conclusion that the headaches might be caused by frequent exposure to gasoline vapors since it appeared that the patient had no symptoms when he was not working.

In as much as this man presented no symptoms suggestive of lead absorption or lead intoxication, I did not see fit to make any further investigation of his case. However if there have been any developments in the case since the initial report which appear to justify further investigation, I should be glad to be informed.

Very truly yours,

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