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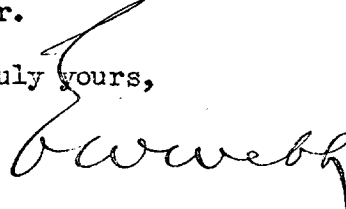
Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,  
College of Medicine,  
Eden & Bethesda Aves.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Enclosed is copy of letter from Mr. Bevan of the 27th ult. regarding a report of the three members of the committee that recently visited England in connection with a study of the leaded gasoline situation, etc. Also copy of a letter of Mr. Bevan regarding a visit to this country of Professor Dodds of the Middlesex Hospital and comments upon the work that he did at the request of the French committee.

I am also sending a copy of my reply to each letter and a copy of the letter I am writing in reference to your visit to Europe this summer.

Very truly yours,



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ETHYL EXPORT CORPORATION  
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27th March, 1934.

Mr. E. W. Webb, President,  
Ethyl Export Corporation,  
135 East 42nd Street,  
NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Webb:

On Monday last, the 19th March, the Conseil Superieur d'Hygiene held a meeting in Paris to discuss the report of the three members of their committee who recently visited this country to study the Ethyl situation.

We have been given to understand, unofficially, that the three gentlemen in question submitted a very favourable report and that the committee with one exception only, decided to raise no further objection to the full distribution of gasoline containing tetra-ethyl lead in France. I say unofficially because the decision will have to be ratified by the Ministry of Health before this is made public and in view of the present complications in the political situation in France, everyone is somewhat chary of making any statements before they are officially released.

Some question apparently was raised concerning a limitation to the distribution of 10% of the total consumption of the gasoline of the country, but we have not as yet been able to get very clear details on this. I do not think, in any case, that it need worry us unduly, since I believe that if such a suggestion is put forward, we can get it removed either immediately or after we have commenced distribution.

The oil companies in France are all now aware of the decision taken by the Health Committee and are preparing the ground so as to be in a position to start things moving as soon as the decree is released officially. I do not know how long it will be, but I imagine that we can expect publication to take place in the very near future.

I think that at long last, we can safely regard the situation in France as being cleared up. There may be one or two small snags to overcome yet, but I do not think we shall run into any further serious trouble.

Apparently, from the information we have, the three gentlemen who visited this country advised the Committee that they were completely satisfied with what they had seen in England and had decided that there was no reason to expect any trouble from the distribution in a similar manner in France.

Just as soon as the decree is published, I will, of course, advise you and in all probability I shall be going over to Paris directly after the Easter holidays, since nothing much can be done there until after that time. Unless we are held up I think we shall be able to commence distribution in the early summer, about June and will probably start with at least three to four different companies. I will, however, write you further on this when I am certain that everything is absolutely clear.

It is a very great relief to have got this far, since it has been a very long, and at times, an apparently hopeless struggle to convince the French of anything at all. However, I hope that our business in France will eventually prove to be a fair reward.

Very truly yours,

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Ray Bevan (s)

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ABFORD HOUSE, VICTORIA  
LONDON, S. W. 1

28th March, 1934.

Mr. E. W. Webb,  
President,  
Ethyl Export Corporation,  
Chrysler Building,  
135 East 42nd St.,  
NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Webb:

Professor E. C. Dodds of the Courtauld Institute of the Middlesex Hospital, who as you know very kindly carried out for us the duplication of Professor Dixon's work on the treatment of rabbits, is sailing for Boston on the GEORGIC on April 7th. He hopes to be in New York sometime about the 20th of April and I have asked him to call in and see you. I think he would probably like to meet Dr. Edgar and also Dr. Kehoe should he by any chance be in New York.

Dr. Kohn-Abrest advised us last week that as a result of the decision taken by the Conseil Supérieur de l'Hygiène he did not now require any further information from Professor Dodds and we have, therefore, stopped the work that he had been doing, which is great relief both to Professor Dodds and ourselves, since it has proved to be a most arduous and extremely unpleasant task.

The cost of the work also has been extremely heavy amounting to £540, but I am afraid this could not be avoided, since the equipment necessary was very expensive. In the opinion of both Professor Dodds and ourselves the work was quite unnecessary and the results have merely duplicated those already published in the British Government Report. I suppose, however, it has helped us to achieve something in France and we cannot, therefore, grumble at this rather useless expenditure.

Yours very truly,

Ray Bevan (s)

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