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March 6, 1947

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Dr. R. A. Kehoe
College of Medicine
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Bob:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an exchange of correspondence between Mr. T. A. Boyd and Mr. R. W. Foor of Pennsylvania Threshermen & Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company, also copy of my letter of March 4 to Mr. Boyd, all relating to a Workmen's Compensation claim because of alleged lead poisoning, as described in Mr. Foor's letter.

It seems desirable that you know about claims of this type hence we are sending the enclosed papers for your files.

Sincerely yours

Earl Bartholomew

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Encl.
CC: Mr. T. A. Boyd

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March 4, 1947

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Mr. T. A. Boyd
General Motors Research Laboratories
P. O. Box 188 - North End Station
Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Tab:

In accordance with our today's telephone conversation, we are sending to you under separate cover a copy of the 1927 report of the United States Bureau of Mines entitled, "Experimental Studies on the Effect of Ethyl Gasoline and its Combustion Products". It will be entirely satisfactory for you to forward this to the insurance company in Pennsylvania which addressed a request to you for a copy of the report in connection with a suit brought by a cemetery caretaker. If you wish, you may request the insurance company to return the report directly to us after it has served its purpose.

Sincerely yours

(signed) Earl Bartholomew

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CC: Dr. R. A. Kehoe

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RESEARCH LABORATORIES DIVISION

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

485 WEST MILWAUKEE AVE.

DETROIT 2, MICHIGAN

March 5, 1947

Mr. R. W. Foer
Penn. Threshermen and Farmers' Mutual Casualty Ins. Co.
325-333 South Eighteenth Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Through the kindness of the Ethyl Corporation, we are able to lend you a copy of the Bureau of Mines Report, "Experimental Studies on the Effect of Ethyl Gasoline and Its Combustion Products." The report is being sent under separate cover.

Because copies of this report are very scarce, this one can only be furnished to you on a loan basis, with the request that it be returned just as soon as can conveniently be done to the Ethyl Corporation, attention Mr. Earl Bartholomew.

You may possibly want to inspect also a copy of Public Health Bulletin No. 163, "The Use of Tetraethyl Lead Gasoline in Its Relation to Public Health," published by the United States Public Health Service, 1926. This is a public document and will no doubt be readily available to you.

Sincerely yours,



T. A. Boyd

TAB:VT

cc: Mr. Earl Bartholomew ✓

PENNSYLVANIA THRESHERMEN & FARMERS' MUTUAL CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY
325-333 S. Eighteenth St.
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

February 25, 1947

General Motors Research Corp.
3044 West Grand Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan

Gentlemen:

We received information indicating that you have done considerable work in the connection with the effect of Ethyl gasoline and its combustion products in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Mines. Our information indicates that your Monograph Number two covers this subject.

At the suggestion of Mr. W. J. Wilde of the Atlantic Refining Company of Philadelphia we attempted to secure a copy of the Bureau of Mines publication entitled "Experimental Study on the Effect of Ethyl Gasoline and its Combustion Products." Our Washington representative has informed us that this publication is no longer available.

Our interest in this subject has developed because of a Workmen's Compensation claim which has been presented to us. A brief summary of the case follows: This company insures St. John's Cemetery Company, 49 N. 5th Street, Hamburg, Pennsylvania for Workmen's Compensation purposes. [REDACTED], an employee of St. John's Cemetery died July 27, 1946. His wife filed a petition for Workmen's Compensation benefits in which she states that Mr. [REDACTED] was employed as a maintenance man, mowing grass and digging graves for the cemetery and that he suffered an accident on May 4, 1946 because he was exposed to exhaust fumes by a gasoline digger for graves and that he contacted lead poisoning as a result of his exposure to the fumes of the burning gasoline.

Our investigation leads us to believe that it is not possible for the claimant to have ingested lead in the manner described in the claim petition. However, in order to defend the case properly, we shall need proper proof.

If you have an extra copy of the Bureau of Mines publication, we ask that you kindly loan or sell it to us. In the event your Monograph Number two deals with the subject and copies are available, we shall be happy to purchase two copies.

In the event more recent work has been done in the connection with this problem, we ask that you kindly advise us concerning the availability of this information.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

RWF:MIG

cc: Penrose Hertzler, Atty.

R. W. Foor - Assistant Manager
Claim Department

Dr. R. A. Kehoe

Cincinnati

E. O. Jones

New York

Insurance claim.

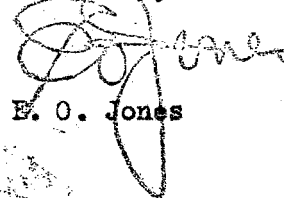
March 6, 1947

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Enclosed is an original letter from the Pennsylvania Threshermen & Farmers' Mutual Casualty Insurance Company outlining a claim for alleged poisoning, forwarded to us at the advice of the Atlantic Refining Company.

Since this letter reached us in duplicate, we are sending a copy to Dr. Machle with the thought that possibly you may wish this matter to be handled from the New York branch of the Medical Department.

Cordially,



E. O. Jones

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cc: Dr. Willard R. Machle