

February 13, 1936

Re: J. J. Moose
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. A. E. Mittnacht
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
Chrysler Building
New York City
New York

Dear Art:

On May 11th, 1934 you sent us a letter with your file concerning a suit between the Gulf Refining Company and Mr. [REDACTED], suggesting that someone in this laboratory examine Mr. [REDACTED] but act in the capacity of a representative of the Gulf Refining Company. On May 16th, 1934 Dr. Schradin went to Chattanooga but was unable to see Mr. [REDACTED] who had previously left for Hot Springs. We have no information on this case of a later date than June 6th, 1934.

Today Mr. B. W. Hargraves, counsel for Mr. [REDACTED] came into the laboratory requesting information on our experiences with poisoning from leaded gasoline. I discussed our experiences of the past ten years fully, pointing out that we had been unable to establish a single case of significant lead absorption from the handling of leaded gasoline, and the improbability of his client having received lead poisoning from that source. The description of Mr. [REDACTED] illness as given by Mr. Hargraves is not that of a typical lead intoxication, and to make Mr. Hargraves' position even more difficult, the doctor who attended Moose during his illness, has since died.

Mr. Hargraves asked that we examine his client for him and give him an opinion on his condition. This I agreed to do and expect to hear from Mr. Hargraves in a day or so and make arrangements for the examination. I am writing you as you can see that the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation may be drawn into this as a consequence of Mr. Hargraves' request. I have no doubt about the outcome of the examination but it may be that you may wish to inform the Gulf Refining Company of the steps that are being taken.

Very truly yours,

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Willard F. Machle, M.D.

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