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Dr. L. A. St. John
25 Charter Oak Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Dr. St. John:

I am writing to ask you if you would be kind enough to give us any recent information that you may have on Mr. [REDACTED] and the other two men who were exposed in tank cleaning last September a year ago.

We have heard indirectly that Debernardi has been complaining of symptoms which prompts us to write to you.

I have tried several times to get back to Hartford to see you and Mrs. St. John, but have, unfortunately, had business in every part of the country but New England. Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. St. John and believe me,

As ever yours,

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Willard F. Machle
Willard F. Machle, M.D.

Dear Dr. Machle -
I am glad to hear from you. Hope you & Mrs. Machle
are enjoying fine health. [REDACTED] both well & working - never
had any more trouble. Their discharge. Considered Cured.
[REDACTED] has been literally raising HELL with
complained as even since he returned to
that as they to do as he pleased &
to work at any time. It convenient to him. He
found his superiors, the
company had to finally discharge him. As a result, he

got himself a number of lawyers - all Jewish gentlemen, who were anxious to champion his cause - but all of them dropped the case, as soon as they found out that the fellow was a nut. For there is no question whatever that he is of a low mentality.

Finally - he got hold of a Jewish lawyer, one of which variety is generally known as Genus Shyster and we went to a compensation hearing. The result that his symptoms (sleeplessness + forgetfulness)

all subjective symptoms and in spite of all myself + Dr. Sheehan of N. Y. who came down for the Commissioner decided that [redacted] employment, by the company, otherwise necessary to fund for Di Bernard.

[redacted] is back

Company and I understand, knowing well - reporting

My [redacted] of the whole thing is this - [redacted] was spoiled by too much sympathy. When I sent him back to work, I advised him to take things easy. To come when + if he pleased. I gave him all the le [redacted] work. He used his excuse of sickness - good advantage. When it came to the point that the Company was sick + tired of babying him - he played possum + claimed inability to sleep + therefore inability to report on time. Then he went to lawyers - Shysters - who played up the case hoping to make a nice fee + And [redacted] fell for the ideal of suing for a lot of money. But - at the hearing he claimed all he wanted was a job + no money etc. whereas his lawyer - tried to get a settlement for total disability. The final outcome of it all was that [redacted] goes back to work for Socony - and his lawyer gets about 25% for his effort + all his legal battle. Best wishes to you + Mrs. Rachel. Sincerely [redacted]