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Dr. Leland L. Brown
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Dear Doctor Brown:

I have read with a great deal of interest the clinical record of your patient Mr. [redacted]

It would seem that the chief complaint and present illness suggest the probability of some obscure infectious agent as being responsible for the symptoms noted. This is more likely because of the presence of low-grade fever which seldom or never is associated with chemical intoxications of mild degree except as the result of some complicating factor. The nausea and vomiting and psychasthenic symptoms noted may be associated with chronic gasoline intoxication though this is unlikely because of the relatively insignificant nature of the occupational exposure commonly encountered in refinery laboratory work. However, because of personal idiosyncrasy, gasoline vapor inhalation might well initiate or exaggerate these symptoms in the presence of illness from other cause.

I should think that if fever persists a renewed search for the responsible factor should be initiated including repetition of the laboratory work noted and a blood culture if thought feasible.

The essentially negative character of the physical examination, chest X-ray and laboratory findings are interesting in view of the rather long duration of the illness, and I am glad to know that your latest interview with Mr. [redacted] indicates that he is greatly improved.

Thank you for your immediate attention and complete record.

Sincerely yours,

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