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Mr. H. A. Sherwin,

President, City.

My Dear Sir:-

As an additional to the detailed report heretofore made you on the Dahl lead, I take pleasure in giving you my general impressions of it now. The Dahl lead as received from Chicago, varies a great deal in specific gravity, physical characteristics, amount of moisture contained, color and body. Some of the lead was extremely heavy, even heavier than the Dutch lead. These variations are so many and so great, as to seriously hamper us in making our tests. The first unfavorable report which was made on the lead was due to the fact that the goods on which the report was made, were ^{made from} some barrels of lead that were not up to the standard.

It would seem to me that if this lead could be furnished identical in quality and characteristics with the small sample furnished us last summer and with some of the barrels that we have examined, that it might be made very available for S.W.P. When a Lead is right for that purpose, it shows, in accordance with the detailed report, a saving of in the neighborhood of 10¢ per gallon.

It would seem to me that the question of the controllability of the process would be one of the most important things to consider

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before coming to any decision with reference to its use. If the process is such that the quality can be easily and economically controlled, well and good: if it is not and if under careful manipulation, differences of this kind are liable to occur, the process will be simply valueless. Of course the economy of the process as compared with the old process, would also have to be thoroughly gone into, but considering the matter simply from the standpoint of the work, this matter of variation seems to be the most important.

Yours very truly,

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