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Shell Oil Company - Wood River, Illinois

Mr. L. C. Burroughs stopped in the office today following a meeting with their representatives in Chicago to advise us that they wish to let matters ride for awhile before taking any further action on the matter of the hundred men exposed in treating operations.

The analytical results received by the Union from Scott at Washington University were conflicting and the men in question were advised of the results of our analyses to the extent that they were entirely within normal limits.

We suggested that it might be a good plan for one of us to visit the Wood River Refinery and inspect their treating operations to give them an opinion on the overall opportunities for exposure in light of our experiences in other plants, and it is probable that Mr. Burroughs will write in concerning this some time soon.

In view of the negative results on the representative samples it did not seem advisable to recommend that they have the entire group surveyed, either by analytical or medical methods at present.

The reprint on Scott's analytical method is in Jack's hands.

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