

CONFIRMATION OF TELEGRAM

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Message sent from Penns Grove, N. J.

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UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI CINCINNATI OHIO
MARCH TWELFTH WE SHIPPED CALIFORNIA CHEMICAL CORPORATION NEWARK CALIF. TWO HUNDRED EMPTY
GERMAN DIBROMIDE DRUMS FOR EMERGENCY USE FOR THEIR CURRENT PRODUCTION OF DIBROMIDE. TODAY WE
RECEIVED AIR MAIL LETTER SAYING THAT IN STREAMING OUT ONE OF THESE DRUMS ONE OF THEIR MEN WAS
OVERCOME WITH FUMES. SYMPTOMS WERE TIGHTENING OF THE MUSCLES AND ANAESTHESIA. UPON EXAMINATION
OF DRUM IT WAS MARKED AS HAVING BEEN USED IN OUR BULK STORAGE SERVICE. A SMALL NUMBER OF TH
DRUMS ARE USED FOR THE GASOLINE REMOVED FROM RETURNED ETHYL TANK CARS. TEN WERE PLACED IN
SERVICE AND CONSPICUOUSLY NUMBERED. WE STILL HAVE THE TEN AT THE PLANT. CANNOT UNDERSTAND
THEREFORE MARKINGS ON THIS DRUM. THEY REQUEST ~~TEXT~~ IF THERE IS ANY DANGER FROM SINGLE EXPOSURE
OUR METHODS OF TREATMENT. HAVE ADVISED THEM THAT YOU WILL COMMUNICATE WITH THEM FURTHER BY
WIRE. BELIEVE THAT IF ANY BULK STORAGE DRUM WAS INCORRECTLY SHIPPED IT ORIGINALLY CONTAINED
ETHYL GASOLINE AND NOT FLUID AS IT IS OUR PRACTICE NEVER TO USE ANYTHING BUT ETHYL FLUID DRUMS
FOR CONCENTRATED TETRA ETHYL LEAD MIXTURES. WIRE IF FURTHER PARTICULARS NEEDED AND ADVISE YOUR
ACTION. HAVE ADVISED THAT IF THERE IS YET DANGER TO MAN THEY COMMUNICATE IN THE MEANTIME WITH
SAM WAGNER AT LOS ANGELES PENDING YOUR ALVICE TO THEM.

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WILMINGTON DELAWARE
MAY 2 1932

PAUL A GROSS
CALIFORNIA CHEMICAL CORP
NEWARK CALIF.

REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER REGARDING GERMAN DIBROMIDE DRUMS WE HAVE NEVER USED ANY OF THESE FOR ETHYL FLUID. ETHYL FLUID FROM BULK STORAGE IS USED FOR TANK CARS AND PRIOR TO FILLING THESE CARS SOME RESIDUAL GASOLINE IS RECOVERED AS RETURNED FROM REFINERIES. TEN GERMAN DRUMS WERE SET ASIDE FOR THE SERVICE OF STORAGE OF THE GASOLINE REMOVED FROM TANK CARS. CHECK THIS MORNING SHOWS THAT TEN DRUMS ARE STILL IN SERVICE, EACH ONE OF THEM PRIOR TO ITS USE WAS PAINTED GREY WITH A LARGE RED NUMBER ON THE HEAD. CANNOT UNDERSTAND THEREFORE HOW ANY OF THEM COULD HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO YOU AS WE STILL HAVE THE ORIGINAL NUMBER. WE ARE WIRING OUR MEDICAL DEPARTMENT TODAY AT CINCINNATI GIVING THEM PARTICULARS AND ASKING THEM TO CONTACT WITH YOU FURTHER. IF MAN IS YET IN DANGER WOULD ADVISE YOU COMMUNICATE IMMEDIATELY WITH OUR DISTRICT MANAGER S. M. WAGNER - 612 SUBWAY TERMINAL BUILDING LOS ANGELES

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