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December 29, 1936

Mr. J. E. Boudreau,

Attention: Mr. C. E. Colvin, Safety Engineer

Dear Mr. Colvin:

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of December 22 reporting an alleged shortage of 875 pounds from car EBAX-607, unloaded at Sinclair's East Chicago Refinery.

We have investigated the original weights on this car and find that the gross, tare, and net are entirely in order and that the previous tare weights before the shipment compare very closely to the ones used at the time of the Sinclair shipment. Examination of the car upon its return showed no defects in the standpipes nor any residue remaining in the car other than approximately two and one-half gallons of gasoline-fluid mixture, which amount we would view as being of an entirely normal magnitude.

We note with interest that Sinclair is not particularly concerned about this alleged shortage and that the information you forwarded us was not in the nature of a complaint. While we are pleased to note that Sinclair is entirely fair in the question of weights received by them nevertheless we do feel that if such an amount of material is missing on the material balance, it should give much concern. It would seem to me that on one of our large cars we should be able to balance out closer than 100 pounds and anything much beyond that should be investigated to make sure that the Fluid is accounted for, if not in the weigh tank, then in the wash gasoline. While we do not want to appear to be critical against Sinclair, lack of concern over such a large amount of difference would indicate not too close supervision of the handling of Fluid. We make this comment, of course, only to you and do not feel that it should be necessarily conveyed to Sinclair.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Schaefer

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