

Buenos Aires, Argentina
July 29th., 1938

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
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Cincinnati, Ohio
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Attached is letter re-lead for Y.P.F. Bolivia for aviation. This is definitely a case of not having a choice of medical representative and at the moment I cannot see any other solution than that which I have indicated if we wish to go along with them. If they cannot use lead to make their aviation gasoline they will have to import it from Perú at a tremendous cost.

Thanks very much for your recent letter regarding the article published in Argentine. Your reactions will help me find a suitable representative here - I have not pushed the matter pending developments which are still under way.

Very truly yours,


Lester B. Roberts.

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Buenos Aires, Argentina
July 28th., 1938

Mr. Ralph Champlin
Ethyl Export Corporation
Chrysler Building
135 East 42nd. Street
New York, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Ralph:

Y.P.F. Bolivia wish to blend aviation gasoline at Camiri and some days ago issued an order for 10 drums through Mr. Möhring at the Bolivian Legation here in Buenos Aires. Since then I have discussed the various problems involved with Mr. Möhring, correspondence and wires have been exchanged with La Paz and Camiri and it now seems possible that satisfactory arrangements can be made. The mixing plant which was constructed by Standard is a miniature affair without change room. Previously there were no medical facilities available and the whole business had been rather loosely handled from the start. After my visit, Standard were taking steps to make things satisfactory when the refinery was taken over by Y.P.F. Bolivia. The same manager Mr. Elder, an American, still runs the outfit and understands the changes necessary. He advises that the equipment now meets specifications, tankage has been increased to allow full size facilities is now stationed at Camiri. Further that the change house can be constructed onto the plant if this is necessary - I have assured him it will be necessary.

Camiri is about as remote a place as can be imagined and it will undoubtedly be necessary to accept the doctor stationed there if we wish to cooperate with them to make possible their aviation gasoline. The only town of any size in Bolivia where a doctor approaching our requirements might be found is La Paz and it is an expedition away. Previously I had arranged that the blender would go to the Standard camp at Tartagal but of course that is out now. It would be my suggestion that we not attempt to name this man as a medical representative but that Dr. Kehoe write him explaining what examinations are required and request a report from him. This I know is not accepted procedure but seems indicated at least temporarily. Quite possibly the only man fit to do the work will be the superintendent who fundamentally is sound in mind and body.

Regarding the transportation, the Fluid will have to be sent to Buenos Aires. I have promised to supervise the shipment from boat to train where it will go directly to the Argentine-Bolivian border at Yacuibá where the shipment will be met by a truck sent from the refinery with a man to supervise the shipment to Camiri.

Due to the work involved, Y.P.F. decided to increase their order to 20 drums - they estimate this as a years supply.

I shall try to get to La Paz and Camiri sometime soon to check on the work. If the arrangement works out satisfactory I believe it will be easy to convince them of the merits of lead for their motor gasoline also - although this will not be such.

Attached is their order for the twenty drums in question.

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Very truly yours,

Leo Rohrer

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