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Memorandum: Mr. Oscar B. Lewis

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your memorandum of August 3 with regard to the proposed article on cleaning leaded gasoline storage tanks. While I think the article is splendid, nevertheless I see no particular benefit derived from publicizing the hazards attending our business and I would therefore be of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to have your article published. On the other hand, I think such an article could be used directly to that personnel in our customer organizations who are directly concerned with the cleaning of tanks and also it could be used as an article for our safety engineers. I would prefer to see information on our safety problems handled directly to the source where hazards occur rather than to go in a round about way of publishing same for general public information.

I also acknowledge your other memorandum of the same date with regard to Dr. Kehoe's comments on Ambler Brothers blending at races. I hardly concur in his views.

I also acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 3 with regard to the list I furnished you on the transfer of Fluid between customers' mixing points. While most of these may have reached the attention of Mr. Gonzalez, nevertheless I do think that it would be of some benefit to trace each of the transactions toward the end of ascertaining if proper means of transportation and correct safety procedures were used. This is what I had in mind mainly when I wrote you previously. Please let me know therefore if you are willing to proceed on this basis or if we should take the initiative and start the investigation from this end. I would prefer that you handle it, inasmuch as your safety engineers would be of valuable aid in following the matter through to conclusion.

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