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Dr. Keith D. Fairley,
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Dear Dr. Fairley:

Thanks very much indeed for your letter of some weeks ago. I find that I am very tardy in my reply, but you are getting along so well that there seemed little reason for urgency in replying and I have been so dreadfully busy that I have got into the bad habit of letting those that will, take care of themselves.

I am grateful to you for all of the information you have given me. I regret very much that there was a slip-up in the precautions in relation to tank cleaning and that a tragedy occurred. I always find it very difficult to take these things lightly, because they are so easily prevented under proper circumstances. On the other hand, it is so difficult to keep things going along in proper fashion that I am afraid that we will have to expect a certain number of casualties that would otherwise be unnecessary. In connection with cases of this type we have always done everything we could to investigate, to arrive at adequately substantiated diagnoses, and to see to it as best we could that suitable amends be made so far as possible in the form of compensation. I am quite sure that that would be your attitude, and I merely mention it as a matter of policy.

My response to your Christmas greetings is somewhat tardy, but nevertheless sincere. I do wish you everything of the best and particularly that we shall soon be in position to see an end of this war. When that day comes I hope to have the opportunity of visiting your country.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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