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Mr. Philip M. Payne
Shell Oil Company
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New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Payne:

Thank you for the copy of the medical report [REDACTED]

Dr. Lapidus has apparently arrived at the same conclusion as we have, and I note he also grades the patient as Class III.

I am somewhat disturbed at the blood findings; though, if anything, they serve to exclude lead poisoning, which produces an anemia. These findings suggest that the patient may have some lung disease other than the emphysema which we have not yet been able to identify; and since it has been over a year since we have examined him, I wonder if it might not be a good idea to check on his examination again.

Since some laboratory work would be required, it would be necessary to carry this out in my office; and this would be contingent, of course, on Miller being able to come to this office.

In view of the fact that Dr. Lapidus' examination reveals findings essentially the same as ours of June 1946, there is no necessity for re-examination from the point of view of contesting the case.

I might mention that the inference that the original complaint of dizziness and faintness were "possible and perhaps probable", related to lead poisoning, is of course wholly unwarranted and would not stand up for very long under cross-examination, since dizziness and fainting can be caused by almost any disease and are, indeed, quite common with the type of heart disease Miller has.

Sincerely,

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Willard Machle, M. D.

P. S. - In view of the above report, I see no reason to delay the hearing.

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