

December 2, 1936

Mr. O. B. Lewis
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

In Mr. Ball's weekly letter of November 7, there is a paragraph which I find difficult to interpret; it reads as follows:

"Mr. Peveto reports his receipt of a letter from Mr. Manley of The Texas Company enclosing questionnaires to be filled out on tanks. He reports #1 and #5 sheets were filled out and returned. The tank record sheet will be filled out when a tank is cleaned. This will mean the record of one tank only will appear on each card unless we hold it up to be filled in, or sell them on the idea to give us complete records. It is understood that in his letter, Mr. Manley advised not to withhold any information we might desire."

Do you suppose that the general instructions issued by The Texas Company have had the same interpretation put on them as Mr. Peveto has put on it in this case? Unfortunately, I did not have the opportunity to discuss these forms with Mr. Gray while in New York, and it is therefore possible that some such construction as the above may have been put upon our request. We would very definitely like to have all of the tank records covering individual tanks, accompany sheets one and three.

Will you be kind enough to discuss this matter with Mr. Gray and if possible, obtain a copy of Mr. Manley's letter to their refineries if his letter expresses our idea. If Mr. Manley understands exactly what we wish, he may have no objection to putting copies of his letter in the hands of the safety men, with the idea of the safety men explaining what we want in the way of information at the same time they make their visits to The Texas Company Refineries for other purposes.

Very truly yours,

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