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CALIFORNIA CHEMICAL CORPORATION

NEWARK CALIFORNIA

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Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
Box 688
Wilmington, Delaware

Attention: Mr. J. H. Schaefer

Gentlemen:

We have just started to steam out the German drums which we received from you and apparently have nearly had a very bad accident as a result. One of the men working on the job while a drum was being steamed apparently was overcome with the fumes from this drum. The symptoms were a tightening of the muscles and anaesthesia. On examination of this drum that he was working on, we find that it is labeled as having been used for bulk storage of tetra-ethyl fluid. The drum, however, being so badly rusted on the outside that this stencil is hardly visible and would have never been noticed except for the effects of the vapors on the operator. Would you kindly advise us by return airmail if there is any danger from single exposure of this type and what your methods of treatment are. If you believe it of sufficient importance, please wire us.

We cannot be too emphatic in asking that you have these shipments of empty drums double-checked, as of course, we are not familiar with the specific hazards and naturally wish to take no chances with our men.

Very truly yours,

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By (S) Paul A. Gross
Production Manager

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