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Dr. R.A. Kehoe,
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Dear Dr. Kehoe,

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 25th October, replying to mine regarding the suggestion of trying to collect information on tank cleaning inside the export field. Perhaps I ought to explain my letter to you on this subject was the result of trying to turn over in my mind the precise situation as it exists today in our sphere, and I came to the conclusion that, so far as absolute information is concerned, we naturally have rather little. I am glad to note that in principle you agree with me in feeling that if information of this general type could be obtained, it would be useful.

I had already discussed the matter with Mr. Bevan before receiving your present letter, and we debated the pros and cons at some considerable length. Ray's feeling was rather opposed to seeking specific information on tank cleaning in the form of a report which should be returned to us by our customer companies. His contention is that if we instituted such a method it might be taken that we assume eventual responsibility for the whole affair by attempting to inaugurate some measure of direct control, whereas in actual fact it is perfectly obvious that we can never institute a control system on such complete grounds as you have available through the safety engineers in the States.

There does remain one alternative method by which we can obtain for ourselves a better perspective of what is actually going on. I think it might be possible for our own people, when visiting blending plants, to make a special effort to enter into a rather general discussion on the whole question of tank cleaning and subsequently to tabulate the results of their verbal discussion on a form which we could file. At the moment, although we very naturally discuss this question in a personal sense with the Refinery Superintendent, we do not actually record any specific details of the conversation,

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and it is rather easy to forget what was said on the occasion of the last visit, and it should also be considered that a different person may make the next inspection.

On due consideration, I do feel that Ray's attitude is really sound, and I appreciate any comments you may have to make regarding the situation in general.

I would like to take this opportunity again of thanking you for your very kind hospitality to Oscar and myself in Cincinnati, and I certainly do hope that not too many years will pass before I have an opportunity of seeing you again. Please convey my kindest regards to Mrs. Kehoe.

Yours sincerely,

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