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Dear Mr. Schaefer:

I have your letters and the copies of the two booklets. Please accept my thanks for your suggestions on the tank car mixing equipment instructions. I shall confer with you later about the details. For the present I shall not revamp them until we have obtained some information on the tank cleaning processes, and until I have looked further into this question about the shipment of drums.

The new regulations for mixing by drum equipment have been completed and translated into four foreign languages, all of which with the exception of the German are now in the hands of the printer. I think the ideas which you have in mind are satisfactorily incorporated in them with the single exception of the reference to the return of the drums. I do not see how this paragraph could be introduced into the book of regulations for it does not apply universally, and various means for the shipment of these drums are employed by European companies. I suspect, therefore, that instruction on this point will need to be made more or less specifically in individual cases, and that it is better, therefore, that it should not be in the regulations. The instructions covering mixing operations are exactly as those in the placards, and I had assumed that you had put any suggestions which you had to offer in the copy for the placards which I submitted to you. Therefore, I did not take up with you directly the regulations for drum mixing except to this extent. You will soon have these, and while your attention is freshly attracted to the subject, I suggest that you go over them carefully and make any criticisms or suggestions which you have to offer as the basis for any later modifications which may be made. On the whole I feel confident that they will be found to be satisfactory.

And now comes a matter which is the chief reason for my writing to you and about which you will probably curse me out. Our instruction No. 8 was omitted from the English version of the instructions in the little white book. I missed it completely in proof reading since

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I was looking only for errors of commission. Apparently this paragraph was on the second sheet of the original copy and it was either missed by one of us, or by the printer. Regardless of whose fault it is, and it might well be mine, it should be in the booklet for it is rather important. It seems to me, therefore, it would be advisable to have it added by pasting it in or by some similar method. It should read as follows :

8. When an inside can has been opened, its entire contents must be mixed with the proper quantity of gasoline and the can must be destroyed. Cans must not be emptied partially and then stored.

Now that I have handed you a suitable gift this is an appropriate time for expressing to you my very best wishes for a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

P.S. I am sending you under separate cover a typewritten copy of the talk which I made before the Safety Council. This appeared in its exact form in the National Safety News for January 1934. It was not reprinted so that I have no copies of it for distribution. However, it was reviewed quite satisfactorily and in rather more detail than is customary in the Journal of Industrial Hygiene for November 1934 - page 124.

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