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Dear Mr. Jordan:

Last week I was in Watertown, New York, testifying in the case of Mrs. [REDACTED] before the State Industrial Commission, who has made a claim that the death of her husband was due to lead poisoning. The facts in the case are rather clear and I shall not go into the details except to indicate that death was due to natural causes. On the other hand, a new factor was introduced into the testimony in that it was shown that a tank of gasoline was mixed with Ethyl Fluid by a representative of the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation in Ogdensburg, New York, in 1932. The testimony was introduced in such a way as to inject the supposition that [REDACTED] who was in and about the pump house during the period of mixture, was exposed to the vapors of Ethyl Fluid in more or less concentrated form as the mixing material went through the pump house. I was able to testify as to the general character of the procedure but naturally my testimony could not settle the actual facts as to the manner in which this job was done at Ogdensburg. The referee, therefore, stated that in his opinion it would be entirely necessary to determine the actual manner of mixing through the testimony of the man who actually did the work, if that is possible. Mr. Maxwell, an attorney of the Socony Vacuum Company, will be getting in touch with you, if he has not done so already, to try to find out who did this work and what information can be supplied by Ethyl Gasoline Corporation in the form of records, or any other information. I told Mr. Maxwell to see you because I thought this was probably done under your direction although it may have been done under Boudreau's direction. In any case, I hope we shall be able to determine who did the mixing, how it was done, etc. There are a number of facts in the matter which I think might well be reviewed by me before they are made use of. I have no wish to color in any way the testimony of any one of our representatives or the facts as revealed by any records which we may have. On the other hand, the referee is very poorly informed

about this whole situation, and I know pretty well what questions he has in his mind which must be settled by the testimony. I should think it advisable, therefore, if we had some correspondence or discussion about this question after we have located the man who did the mixing.

Very truly yours,

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