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Dear Jerry:

In accordance with your request, I am sending this expense account to you.

I am not sure just how you feel about the entire situation as to the disposition which is to be made of lead-containing antiknock materials, so far as the U.S.A. and Canada are concerned. However, I believe, on the strength of the present program of the investigation of the tolerable concentration of lead in the air, that it will be possible, short of some unforeseen governmental action, to continue, for several years - perhaps eight or ten - on a decreasing level of their concentration in gasoline, before eliminating it altogether. Meanwhile, it seems likely to me, in speaking mainly in terms of the behavior of the public, that the present deep concern about this will taper off and that some low concentration will continue to be used. If such is the case, however, the industry will have to do certain things to consolidate their position for the future. Therefore, it will be necessary to have the information which we have been seeking in unequivocal terms. I think, therefore, that this work at Albany should be continued until the proper level has been established. It may be at 5 micrograms per cubic meter of air. It might be lower, but whatever it turns out to be, in relation to our own criteria of a satisfactory answer, it should be established.

It was a wet evening on which to return to Cincinnati, but I made it before ten o'clock, and this morning, I find myself glad, indeed, that it was not necessary to spend the night in Syracuse. I had a good night's sleep, after a long but interesting day.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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