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Dear Mr. Dickins:

I am glad to respond favorably to the request in your letter of October 21st. The statement which I issued to those in attendance on the meeting at which I spoke in London can now be used for the purpose indicated in your letter.

The situation in which I found myself at the time of my meeting with representatives of the petroleum industry in London was a bit uncertain because a Congressional hearing in Washington at which the formal statement had been presented had just been held. I did not wish to distribute it further at that time, for reasons of propriety, and even now I do not think it wise to distribute it widely. On the other hand, it is a carefully prepared statement of the facts, together with the references to the literature, and also to certain reports of this Laboratory which were printed privately and distributed fairly widely among professional persons and governmental agencies that had reason to be concerned (such reports are no longer available for distribution, the supply having been exhausted years ago). Now that the amenities and formalities have been observed, there is no reason why I should not make this statement available to other persons and groups that have need of information at my discretion. I do so gladly, merely requesting that it be used with discretion.

As it happened, two statements were prepared, one for the full record, and the other for my guidance in an abbreviated oral presentation to the Congressional Committee. I am not entirely certain which of these was reproduced for distributing to those in attendance in London. Just to make certain that the best and most complete statement is employed for Dr. Cipollina's purpose, including the references, I am sending herewith a copy of the long (or formal) statement. This carries no specific reference to its use in Washington, D.C., and, therefore, it is merely a statement for which I assume full professional responsibility. You can reproduce it, therefore, in sufficient numbers for your purpose, and have it translated into Italian if that is necessary. If it is so translated, I should be pleased to have a copy of the translated statement in due course.

Very truly yours,

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